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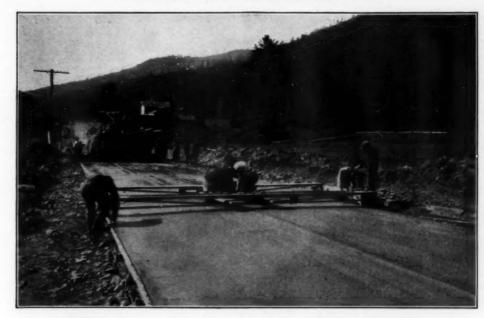
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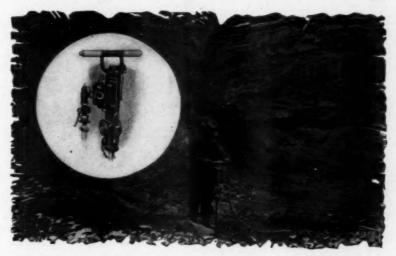
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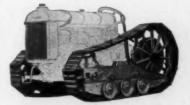
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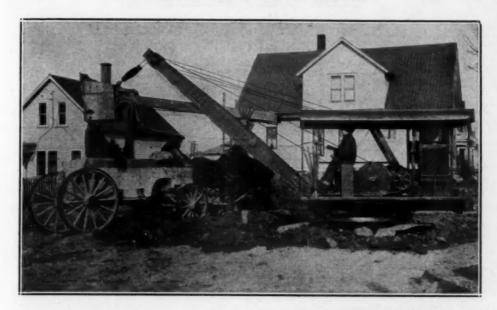
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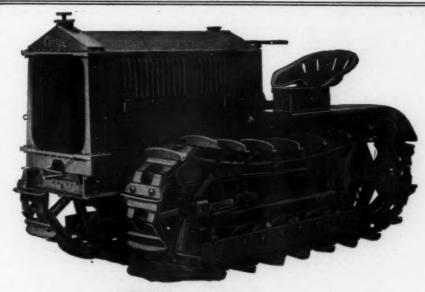
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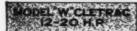
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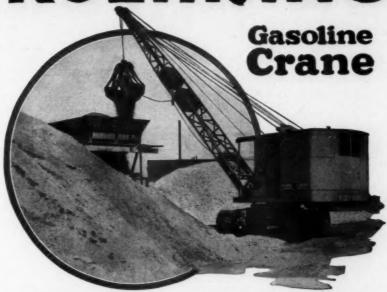
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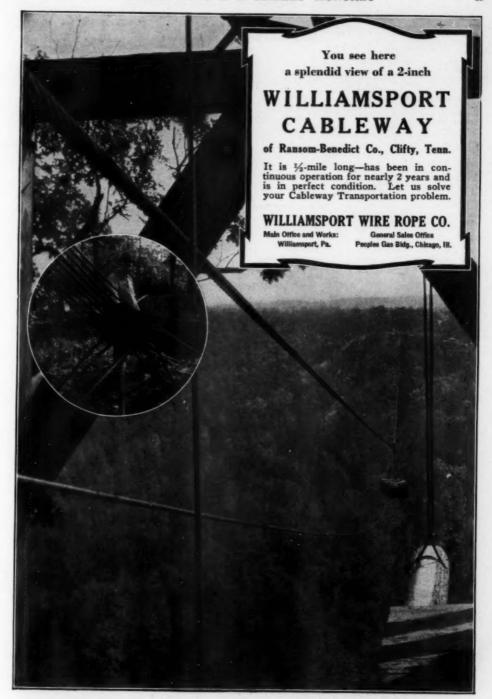
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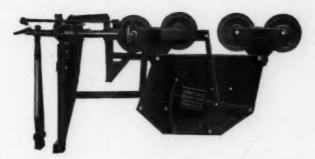
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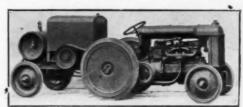
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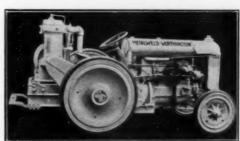
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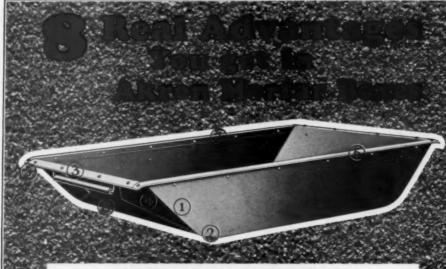
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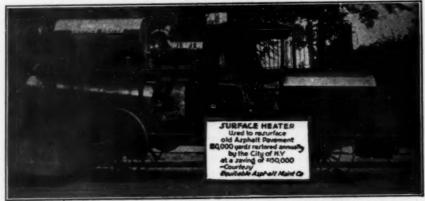
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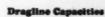
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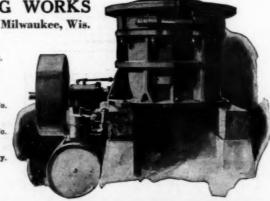
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Construction of the Cleveland Union Passenger Terminal

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Chief Engineer, The Cleveland Union Terminals Company

FOLLOWING the settlement, on May 15, of the eleven weeks' laborers' strike, work on the new Union Passenger Terminal of the Cleveland Union Terminals Company again became active, and it is now progressing

at a rapid rate. This Terminal, which is to be used by the New York Central, Big Four and Nickel Plate and which may be also used by the other roads entering Cleveland if they desire, comprises a passenger station at the southwesterly corner of the Public Square with an approach to the east connecting with the Nickel Plate right of way, and an approach to the west, connecting with the Nickel Plate and Big Four rights of way, the total length of the Terminal being about four miles.

The New York Central trains, in reaching this Terminal, will leave the present main line on the east at Collinwood Yard, which is lo-

cated about ten miles from the new station, and will operate over the Cleveland Short Line, owned by the New York Central, to about Fairmount Boulevard and thence over the Nickel Plate right of way to the easterly limit of the new Terminal. West of the westerly Terminal limit the New York Central will operate over the Big Four to a connection

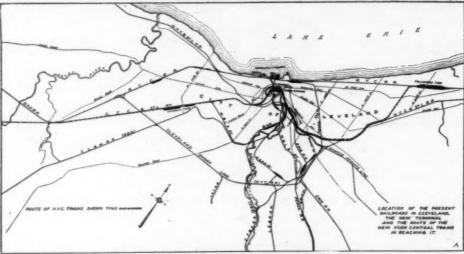
with its present main line at Berea, about twelve miles from the new station. The other railroads entering Cleveland, which have not yet signified their intention of using the Terminal, can readily do so if they wish. The Erical Resilvand line within a

Railroad lies within a few hundred feet of the easterly end of the Pas-Terminal, and senger a connection between the two can be made with very little difficulty or expense. The Pennsylvania might operate over the Erie from a point where these two railroads cross, at about East 93rd Street. present Wheeling & Lake Erie station is at the east end of the new station and by a slight rearrangement of its tracks the Wheeling can make a connection to the Passenger Terminal, and the B. & O. might then operate over the Wheeling tracks to the Terminal from the point where it crosses the Wheeling tracks, about 11/2 miles

from the point where it crosses the Wheeling tracks, about 1½ miles southeast of the station. The Terminal tracks, except across the Cuyahoga Valley, will be located from 25 feet to 40 feet below the level of the adjacent streets, the various cross-streets being carried over the tracks on reinforced concrete or steel bridges, retaining walls being constructed in many places on the two sides of the tracks to support the adjoining ground or adjacent



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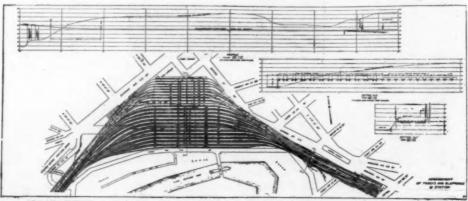


LOCATION OF THE PRESENT RAILBOADS IN CLEVELAND, THE NEW TERMINAL, AND THE ROUTE OF THE NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAINS IN REACHING IT

streets. Across the Cuyahoga River Valley the tracks will be carried on a steel-and-concrete viaduct about 3,500 feet in length, crossing the river on a steel truss span 93 feet above the river, providing a clear channel of 200 feet. The tracks in the station will be about 40 feet below the level of the Public Square, at which will be located the main station entrance. On the track level there will be ultimately provided ten tracks and ten platforms for rapid-transit service, and twenty-four tracks and twelve platforms for steam-railroad service, of which about 50 per cent will be constructed initially. On the approaches there will ultimately be four main tracks for steam-railroad service and four main tracks for rapid transit service, of which 50 per cent will be constructed initially. The station floor

will be located over the tracks, about 14 feet below the level of the Public Square, connected to the station platforms by stairs and to the street level by ramps.

On the station floor there will be provided all the facilities usual in a railroad station; in the center will be located the facilities for the steam railroads, consisting of a large ticket lobby, a large steam concourse, waiting-room, baggage-room, dining-rooms, cab-stand, etc., and on the sides separate facilities for the rapid-transit service, consisting of one concourse on either side connected to the Public Square by independent ramps. The station facilities have been so arranged that a passenger travels from an entrance to the train with practically no retracing of steps, passing the information booth, ticket windows, bag-



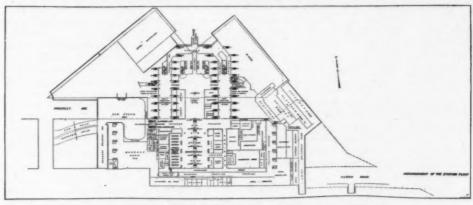
ARBANGEMENT OF TRACKS AND PLATFORMS IN THE NEW CLEVELAND TERMINAL STATION

gage-checking facilities and waiting-room. In addition to the main station entrance at the Public Square, there will be four entrances at convenient traffic points, connected to the ticket lobby by ramps.

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feet wide, 156 feet long, and 47 feet high; the ticket lobby will be 91 feet wide, 145 feet long, and 20½ feet high, this height being governed by the construction of streets over the Terminal; the steam concourse will be 124 feet wide, 230 feet long, and 44 feet high; and the waiting room 55 feet wide, 165 feet long, and 22 feet high. The traction concourses will be 60 feet wide, 370 feet long, and about 20½ feet high.

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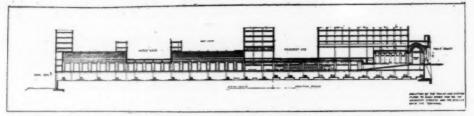
ARRANGEMENT OF THE CLEVELAND TERMINAL STATION PLOOB

two portions, one for passengers going to trains and one for passengers coming from trains, but so arranged that the entire stairway can be used for either ingress or egress at any time. The passengers going to trains will enter the stairway on the westerly side, and the passengers coming from trains will enter the concourse on the easterly side, thereby keeping the two lines of traffic separate. This arrangement also makes it convenient for people meeting passengers, as all arriving passengers will pass through one side of the concourse. The stairs from the rapid-transit concourses to the platforms are on each side of the concourses, there being four stairs to a platform. A large pipe tunnel will be located beneath the tracks for the carrying of steam, water, air, and brine lines to the various portions of the station, and the power lines will be carried in conduits under the tracks and platforms.

The Public Square entrance lobby will be 36

ment over the station, and from two of these cross-streets ramped roadways will lead to the cab-stand and baggage-room at the west end and the mail and express rooms at the east end of the station floor.

The supergrade area over the station will be developed with buildings similar to the development at the Grand Central Terminal, New York. Already contracts have been let for a 52-story office building over the main entrance at the corner of the Public Square, and other buildings will be constructed simultaneously with the construction of the Terminal. The office building now to be built will be of limestone with terra cotta trim to the 29th floor and will be of terra cotta above that floor. building, which will be the second highest in the country, will have a magnificent setting, as it is at the corner of the Public Square. which is about 600 feet square, and will be seen from all sections of the surrounding country and the lake.



RELATION OF THE TRACKS AND STATION PLOOR TO EACH OTHER AND TO THE ADJACENT STREETS
OVER THE NEW CLEVELAND TERMINAL-

In conection with the Passenger Terminal work, the Nickel Plate Railroad will make extensive changes in its freight facilities, which will be located adjacent to and partially over the Terminal tracks on the easterly approach.

Contract has been let to the Spencer, White & Prentis Company for the foundations for the 52-story Tower Building, which will consist of 84 deep cylindrical piers and 22 spread foundations. Sixteen of the deep cylindrical piers will be carried down to rock about 205 feet below the track level, and the rest will be carried down to varying depths and belled out in the soil, which is a very fine silt loam. These deep cylindrical piers are now under way, those to rock having been completely exvated and concreted. These piers are believed to be the deepest ever built and have been built in open wells dug through the soil without any material difficulty.

The method employed is what is known as the "Chicago open well method," which consists of lagging the well with 3-inch to 3¾-inch x 6-inch x 6-foot tongued and grooved staves held in position by steel circular rings made in two semi-circular sections and bolted

together. The rings are forced against the lagging by split steel wedges at the bolts. All voids behind the lagging are packed with material from the well as the staves are put into position. Two, and in the more unstable clay strata three, steel rings are used for each section of 6-foot lagging. Each set of lagging is "butted" against the bottom of the set above it.

For setting a 6-foot length of lagging, about 8 feet of well was dug, the extra 2 feet being necessary to insert the lagging behind the rings. Where the third steel ring was necessary, this was put in the middle of the set after the top and bottom rings and all the lagging was in position. This procedure was carried all the way down to within 6 to 8 feet of bed-rock, where the material consisted of boulders, shale, and granite mixed with broken shale, sand and clay, where no lagging was used.

In several wells it was necessary to put in extra bracing. This consisted of two half-moons placed opposite each other and forced against the lagging by two screw-jacks against 6-inch x 6-inch cross-braces. The set complete was called a "drum." Each moon was made on top of the ground by spiking together



TYPE OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CLEVELAND TERMINAL JOB

2-inch lumber with 2-inch spacing blocks, making each drum 14 inches deep and dressed to fit the radius of the lagging.

The material was removed from the first 100 feet in depth by bucket and manila rope by means of an electric-driven friction thimble, or "niggerhead." Below 100 feet in depth an electric-driven hoisting engine with steel cable and 1-yard bucket was used. A pull bell signal system was maintained in each well accessible to the "mucker" in the bottom and at any elevation of the bucket. A gas detector lamp was suspended above the heads of the workers, and an auger boring was made and kept about 4 feet below the bottom in anticipation of encountering a gas pocket. In only one well of the sixteen Tower columns was a gas pocket

of all the supplemental work so that the work of actual driving of the wells was not interfered with, and complete equipment, greatly expedited the work.

The work on the Tower Building, which has a ground area of 69,000 square feet, will proceed as soon as the foundations are completed, and the steel should be well above the street level before the end of this year, and the building completed by 1928.

Excavation in the area of the station is progressing rapidly, 600,000 cubic yards having been removed to date, or about 45 per cent of the total amount to be taken out of the station site. The retaining walls around the station site, previously referred to, are also under construction. These walls are of reinforced



EXCAVATION FOR THE CLEVELAND TERMINAL STATION, SHOWING THE WALL ALONG THE BOUNDARY
OF THE STATION

found, and it was soon exhausted. A 2-inch air line, as well as an air line to operate the air spades, was used for ventilating purposes.

The diameter of the large wells being approximately 10 feet, three to five muckers were employed in the bottom. The material brought up in the bucket was elevated above trap-doors, which were closed before the bucket was dumped.

The work was done under a unit price contract and was carried on continuously by three shifts of 8 hours each. A competitive system between gangs, a bonus for reaching bed-rock, a liberal and competent provision to take care

concrete, some sections being of the buttress type and some sections of the counterfort type. The soil upon which these walls rest is very fine silt loam, and the walls have been designed for a maximum pressure under the toe of the footing of 6,000 pounds, and a key or projection has been provided under the footing to prevent sliding. The higher walls have a foundation width of 32 feet and stand 41 feet above the track level, with a total distance from top of wall to bottom of key under the footing of 56 feet.

These walls were built in a trench prior to excavating the material on the station site in

front of the wall. Lackawanna steel sheet piling heavily braced with timber was used to support the sides of the trench. The concreting was done from a central mixing plant through a tower and chutes. This same plant was used for the concerting of the Tower Building foundation. The building standing on the site of the work, which belongs to the Ohio Bell Telephone Company, cannot be removed until the Telephone Company completes its new building on Huron Road, but the work of the Terminals Company is being carried on around the present structure pending its removal.

West of the station the work is proceeding on the reinforced concrete piers for the viaduct over the Cuyahoga River, which piers will vary from 18 feet to 82 feet in height, and from 60 feet to 85 feet in length, and have a thickness of about 10 feet, and will be pierced by arches. The foundation of the piers will consist of piles.

The piers are first excavated from 10 to 15 feet in depth by small steam shovels, and the pipes are then driven by a pile driver supported on timbers over the pit, using a Vulcan No. 1 steam hammer. After the piles are cut off, the forms and reinforcing rods are placed for the pier footing and the concreting is carried on from a central mixing plant through a tower of chutes. The piers above the ground level are constructed in sections about 20 feet in height.

Also, west of the station work has been started on a new roadway about 1,000 feet in length, connecting the higher portion of the city to the so-called Flats, in lieu of Columbus Road, which is to be vacated. About

600 feet of this roadway will be a steel and reinforced concrete viaduct, and the remainder earth fill between walls.

West of the viaduct two street bridges have already been constructed over the location of the west approach, one at West 25th Street and another at Abbey Avenue, and the excavation is proceeding throughout the length of this approach.

The Terminal will be electrified, and the electrification will probably be extended for some distance either side of the Terminal to points where electric locomotives will be changed for steam locomotives, and vice versa. In connection with the Terminal development, the Traction Company will develop a rapid-transit service on private rights of way from the suburban sections of the city to the Terminal.

Some idea of the magnitude of this Terminal can be obtained from the following figures: The estimated cost of land, station building, roadbed construction and electrification, but exclusive of any building development above the station and exclusive of rapid transit developments outside of the Terminal, is \$60,-000,000. The station area will cover approximately 35 acres. There will be removed about 1,400 buildings and 3,000,000 cubic yards of excavation, and there will be placed about 400,-000 cubic yards of concrete, 15,000 tons of reinforcing rods, 50,000 tons of steel, 42 miles of track, 450,000 square feet of platforms, 760 lineal feet of street bridging over tracks, 4,425 lineal feet of street viaducts over the station, and 4,400 lineal feet of railroad bridges and viaducts.



A BYERS MODEL-26 BEAR CAT GASOLINE SHOVEL MAKING A LOGGING BAILROAD FOR THE GOODYEAR REDWOOD LUMBER COMPANY AT GREENVILLE, CALIF.

This photograph, furnished through the courtesy of Edward E. Bacon Company, San Francisco, Calif., shows rather a new development in the use of a small machine on heavy railroad work. The machine had to be knecked down, shipped by boat and taken from the boat to shore on a skyline cable. When it was reassembled, it was driven many miles to the job under its own power and then put to work

Safety Work in Steel Erection

Helpful Article Published Through the Courtesy of "Safety Engineering"

THE contract for steel frame erection for high office and mercantile buildings is obtained against severe competition. Often the time limit for the work is so short that erection goes forward under extreme pressure, and added to this is the fact that all of the work is done among the most congested surroundings. These conditions together form one of the main factors leading to accidents. They are closely related to, and must be considered with, another main factor—equipment.

Where profits must be kept in mind, where there is pressure for completion of the work within a short time limit, where storage facilities are entirely or almost lacking, and especially where there is poor or insufficient equipment, there is a decidedly unfavorable moral and physical hazard. These are conditions that the inspector and the safety engineer often meet with in their regular work. In trying to overcome physical defects by

and supports for the derricks, and if the hoist itself is of the proper size and properly installed for the loads to be imposed upon it, the work is bound to be carried on more safely. Where we have good equipment properly designed for the loads to be carried, the problems of preventing accidents due to collapse or failure have been to a large extent already solved.

Experienced Supervision Necessary

Next in importance to proper equipment are experienced supervisors and experienced iron workers. To anyone questioning the possibility of obtaining both of these, the answer is very positive. Any contractor who has the money and the will to get suitable equipment will secure intelligent supervision and skilled iron workers also. It often seems that the hazard is less on a job where there is the best equipment and the supervision is lax or even poor, than where these conditions are

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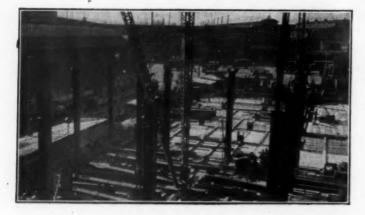
recommendations, the excuse is often given, "If accidents did not occur, we should not need to carry insurance." This attitude must be overcome by the safety engineer through good salesmanship of his recommendations. This state of mind of the contractor is fortunately rapidly disappearing. The contractor has reached the conclusion that it pays in the long run, both as to profits and as to good construction, to carry the work along as free from accidents as possible.

If the work must be carried on under pressure because of limited time and without storage facilities, suitable equipment will go far in overcoming one of the main factors responsible for accidents. There will be no likelihood of a derrick colfapse or sling rupture if the proper equipment is used for every member handled. Sound and sui.able lumber for the erecting floor and for the scaifolds also reduces the accident hazard.

If suitable timber is used for the needle beams

reversed.

Steel erection under pressure, no matter what the condition of the equipment may be, and with lack of storage facilities, causes extra work, which necessarily increases the hazard. The superintendent estimates that he will be ready for certain columns or beams at a specified time if the erection proceeds without any delay. He, therefore, gives the order for steel to be delivered on a certain date. The steel is delivered at railroad terminals and lightered to nearby docks and is brought to the job by trucks. Any delay in erection after this order has been given would cause extra expense for various items, including trucks ordered for a specified time. It therefore follows that there will be an effort made to make up lost time due to any delay such as may be occasioned by heavy snowfall, or a hoist breakdown. This calls for an increase in the already extreme pressure under which the work is being prosecuted.



PARTLY COVERED WITH PLANKS

Main Causes of Accidents

There are five main causes of accidents. They are, in the order of their importance: (1) poor or insufficient equipment; (2) erection under pressure; (3) poor or slack supervision; (4) inexperienced or careless iron workers; (5) lack of storage facilities.

Any one of these five factors has caused and will cause severe injuries and death to workmen. Fortunately, they can be corrected, with the exception of erection under pressure, and lack of storage facilities. Further discussion will therefore be confined to the three other items.

The hazard occasioned by poor or insufficient equipment can be overcome by the use, proper installation, and expert direction of such equipment as is brought onto the job.

Steel Guy Derrick Preferred

The steel guy derrick is to be preferred to the wooden type for a number of reasons. With steel there is less deterioration, and practically all parts are visible for inspection. The steel is lighter than a wooden derrick for the same load to be handled. The steel derrick is built in sections and can be transferred through the streets more easily and with less hazard. It is more easily handled while being erected and being taken down. When erection has been completed, it can be lowered from the framework in sections with less hazard. Finally, the steel derrick is far more dependable under heavy and sudden strains.

Continued use will show up defects in a steel derrick, but the derrick as a whole is not likely to be affected, as it is of fabricated lattice steel. A short time ago there could be seen on an important job a 20-ton steel derrick which had been in use for 20 years. The wooden foot-blocks had been renewed a number of times and, as a measure of safety, the load to be handled by this derrick had been reduced to 15 tons. The important fact is that the derrick, in spite of its age, is still good for useful service.

A wooden derrick will deteriorate on account of

moisture entering about the bolt holes or checks in the wood. The derrick may be kept painted and may look fine and really be unsafe for use. One way to discover any interior defects is to bore a hole through the wood at some suspected part. This, of course, would weaken the stick at that point. To avoid any danger of weakening the stick, however, and to make sure of accurate information, a long nail may be driven into the wood, the ease or difficulty of driving showing the condition of the interior of the stick.

All guy lines should be of plow steel cable. Both plain and galvanized steel cables are used for guys, but the plain is to be preferred because there is some likelihood of the deterioration of the wire during the galvanizing process. In any case, guys should be kept well oiled, and particularly so when placed in the storage yard. The hoisting engine may be steam- or electric-driven. The electric hoisting engine is far more commonly met with in practice and is to be preferred, as it takes up les. room, costs less to operate, and eliminates the steam exhaust, which is oftentimes troublesome. No water and no lubricators are present to be frozen in winter. There is no boiler to explode if a load is dropped upon it-although in good practice this is a contingency that is rather remote. Finally, the electric hoist can be easily located on the floor near the derrick, which is often required in the case of very high erection.

In connection with the operation of an electric hoist there are two or three safety precautions which should be made clear. These properly come under the heading of equipment, although providing them and keeping them in service are certainly matters of supervision. There should be a suitable fuse or automatic circuit-breaker adjusted to act at not more than 50 per cent overload. Solenoid brakes should also be provided, as they are an additional safeguard applied to the armature shaft, since they operate automatically, but gradually, when the current fails for any reason and also when the hoist is stopped.

Galvanized iron clips should be used in securing

the guys to the turnbuckle of the anchorage. Galvanizing is necessary to prevent the rusting of the plate and bolts.

All wire rope for the topping lift and the main fall should be of plow steel. Here, again, proper and frequent lubrication are necessary to prevent undue wear and deterioration from the weather.

It is highly important that all derrick fittings should be above suspicion. The spider plate should be of selected steel pressed into a shallow-dish shape and heavily reinforced at the gudgeon-pin hole. This hole should be large enough to allow the derrick to give slightly with the load, and should be chamfered so that it cannot cut the gudgeon-pin sleeve.

The shackles which connect the guys to the spider plates should be heavy drop forgings with screw-pins.

The maintop iron should be made of structural steel throughout and should be fitted with an extra-large gudgeon-pin. This pin should be protected against excessive wear by a cast iron sleeve machined to fit with 1/32-inch clearance. Such a sleeve will distribute the pressure of the spider over the entire width of the gudgeon-pin and will prevent the cutting of the pin. The collars on top of the gudgeon-pin should be drilled to allow the journal to be thoroughly lubricated. This will insure easy turning. The metal foot-blocks should be of the ball-bearing type, which will permit the loaded derrick to be easily swung by one man. The sheaves of all blocks should be lined and bushed with metal.

The sling is without a doubt the most important part of the equipment of the contractor who is erecting high steel framework, from the standpoint of both speed of erection and accident prevention. All slings for hoisting from trucks in the street and for the setting of steel should be of the very best selected steel wire.

The bridle sling to be used for this work should be of the double-groove, equalizing thimble type. The loops should be spliced in the rope with dropforged, weldless, closed socket and drop-forged,

weldless steel hooks.

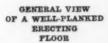
Grommet Wire Slings

For column setting, insistence should be placed on the use of an endless grommet wire sling with an equalizing thimble on one end of a toggle column-setting sling. The toggle sling is an endless grommet construction with equalizing thimbles on both ends and with the addition of the toggle. The toggle is so constructed that the ironworker can trip and release it from the directing floor.

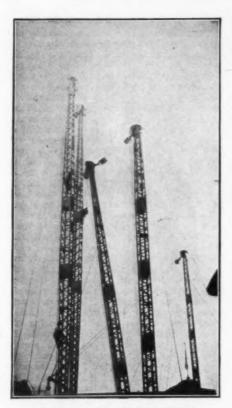
In using the column setting sling with an equalizing thimble on one end, a 11/4-inch manila rope is fastened to the sling and attached to the weight of the fall block. In addition, a 3/4-inch rope is attached to the back of the hook of the fall block and manipulated by an iron worker on the erection floor. After the column is set, the fall block is lowered slightly, and at times the hook releases itself from the sling, and at other times the assistance of the ironworker on the erecting floor with the rope, which is attached to the hook, is required for the release. When the fall hook is free from the sling, a strain is taken by the derrick, and one end of the sling is pulled through the end with the equalizing thimble, thus releasing the sling from the column. This last method is not always successful and at times requires that the columns be climbed. Using either method, there is practically no climbing of columns for sling release, so that the worst of the hazard has been eliminated. The toggle sling provides speed in erection and is quite frequently used by erectors. There are erectors, however, who do not favor its use, on the ground that when the sling is slackened, the pin of the toggle might drop out and allow the column to fall. There is no objection to the use of this type of sling if properly and carefuly handled.

Use of Rope Slings

Manila rope slings find extensive use in erection, particularly in the setting of light floor beams. Manila slings should be used for the setting of all floor beams up to 24-inch. For beams from 8 to 15 inches, the sling should be of of 1½-inch rope, while for 15- to 24-inch beams the sling should







HAZARDS OF ERECTING DERRICKS The derrick at the right is being used to raise the derrick at the left. Illustration shows hazardous work required of men in this occupation

be of 11/2-inch rope. For beams 24 inches and larger, bridle slings of 5/8-inch wire should be

A good superintendent will see that plenty of slings in good condition, of all types and sizes needed, are on hand. He will also see that the proper sling is used in every case. For instance, the use of a 11/2-inch manila sling on an 8-inch beam might cause a bad accident. The rope is so heavy that the strain would not be properly taken up. In rainy weather rope slings get wet and are then hard to handle. Dry slings and plenty of them must be on hand. There must also be a full supply of wire slings of proper sizes for the heavier loads. It is not infrequent that a contractor has good equipment but not a sufficient supply of slings.

Anchorages

The best of equipment should be used for anchorage and the utmost care must be exercised in setting it. Where high buildings are being erected, there are generally very deep cellars, and in such cases the derricks are erected on timber towers. In several cases of recent construction jobs there have been five floors below the sidewalk level with towers 85 feet high. In the buildings of this type the basement walls are of concrete, and the anchorage for the setting of the basement steel is buried in the concrete of the walls, when it is poured.

The most common anchorage consists of four or five coils of 5%- or 7%-inch wire rope, generally the best part of some discarded wire fall halfburied in the concrete with a pin through the buried end. Unless the coils are very carefully arranged and the pin properly set and buried, there is grave danger of the failure of this type of anchorage under the strain of the load, causing the fall of the derrick. In every case where anchors are being placed, the erection superintendent should be in direct charge. This work is so important that it should not be left to the direction of the superintendent of the concrete gang.

An anchorage of far better design than the wire coil anchorage may be constructed of two 34inch steel plates 4 inches wide and at least 41/2feet long, riveted together for about one-third of their length. The remaining two-thirds are spread so that the ends at the bottom are 6 inches apart. Through the lower end a hole is drilled, and in this hole is placed a 2-inch pin 18 inches long. The upper end is drilled to hold the shackle. anchor, buried at the proper point and at an angle to take the pull direct from the guy, will support a derrick handling loads up to 28 tons.

Another type of anchor, constructed on much the same principle and good for at least 16 tons, is a bar of steel 42 inches long, 4 inches wide, and I inch thick. This should be buried in the concrete for at least two-thirds of its length, with a pin 2 inches in diameter and I foot in length

through a hole in the buried length.

When the basement steel has been erected, the derrick is located on the topmost tier in place, and the columns of the erected steel are then used for anchorage. In securing the guys to these columns, endless grommet selected wire slings with equalizing thimbles should be used. To each sling a turnbuckle is attached with a shackle, and on the other end of the turnbuckle there should be a 4- or 6-inch sheave to eliminate a sharp bend in the guy. The guy is run through this sheave, and the loose end is secured to the straining part of the guy with wire clips. Four clips should be used as a minimum, and five are to be preferred. To prevent any possibility of the guys slipping through the clips, the loose end which is not secured should be turned down and fastened to the guy below the lowest clip.

Particular attention should be given to the placing of the clips. They should not be staggered, nor should the seat of the clip be placed against the loose end of the guy. Tests have shown that when clips are not properly placed on guy wires, they may lose 30 to 40 per cent of their gripping power. The placing of clips is an important detail and should be assigned to an experienced ironworker who realizes the importance of doing the work right.

In attaching the guy to the derrick a thimble is spliced in the top end of the cable and secured to the spider plate by a shackle. A derrick secured in this manner is about as safe as it can be made. Six guys should always be used in handling members up to 20 tons in weight. When heavier loads are handled, seven or eight guys should be used. It will be noted that in the slings described all welds in steel forgings are eliminated. In steel erection an effort should be made to avoid all forgings in tension. This can be done in nearly all cases, with the exception of hooks and sockets.

A wooden derrick block, no matter where located, should be secured either by wooden straps from each end of the block to a column or by

wire rope.

Placing the Derrick Properly

The derrick, when located on the structure, should be placed on at least four 12-inch timbers placed across the bay. Depending on the size of the bay and the weight of the members erected, wooden bents should be placed one or two stories

directly under the derrick for support.

Not only must good planks and timbers be provided for floors, scaffolding, and needle beams, but the superintendent and foreman must see that all defective lumber is discarded. Carefully selected spruce is preferable for this work. Needle beams should be 4 x 6 inches and 20 feet in length. Planks for the erection floor should be 2 x 10 inches and 20 feet in length, and planks for riveters' platforms should be 2 x 9 inches and 15 feet in length.

Signaling System Necessary

For directing the movements of the loads being hoisted and for the safety of the members, a welldefined signaling system is necessary, for 90 per cent of the time the hoisting engine is out of sight of the signal man, who is on the erecting floor. Signaling is done by means of bells. Two large gongs at least a foot in diameter and of different tones are fixed vertically on a board immediately to the left and in front of the engineer. The cord for these gongs should be 3/8-inch or 1/2-inch, so that there will be little likelihood of breaking. One gong is used for the topping lift and one for the main fall. These signal cords should be fully protected against any possibility of malicious or accidental interference, and this can be best accomplished by placing the cords in a 2-inch iron pipe running directly from the hoisting engine to the erecting floor.

When hoisting is being done from the street, and until the load has been raised to a considerable height, that is, to 20 stories or more, the signal man on the erecting floor cannot properly take care of it. It is then necessary to do the signaling from the street where the iron workers are hooking onto the load in the trucks. In this case an electric signaling device is best. Ordinarily, a dry battery and bell are used, the bell

being placed in front of and to the right of the engineer operating the hoist. Then there is no possibility of confusion of signals.

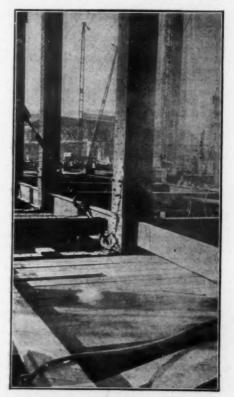
The load should be in charge of the man in the street while it passes through the roadway protection shed and past the masons who are working on the outside walls on suspended scaffolding. From this point on, the signaling should be done from the erecting floor. An important precaution, and one that is very seldom neglected, is the fixing of a line at one end of the load so that it can be properly guided.

The main fall cables should be protected by substantial wood framework about 7 feet high at each floor where they pass up through. These cables should also be boxed in where they pass through

the floor, to prevent wearing.

Riveting

The placing of the heater's platform for riveting is another problem, as the hazard due to the throwing of hot rivets from this point is great. The heater's platform should be at least 8 feet wide and 13 feet long and should be placed on the beams as near as possible to where the riveters



COLUMN ANCHOE SLING OF THE EQUALIZING TYPE IN USE

This secures one of the guys to a column and it cannot get away with this type of anchorage

are working. The throwing of hot rivets has caused many severe and painful accidents. From the moment erection is out of the basement and as soon as other trades are following up the erection, the throwing of rivets should be absolutely prohibited. They should be passed directly from the heater's platform to the riveter's scaffold. Only in this way can the hazards to the workmen below be minimized.

Protection of the Public

The protection of the public using the streets immediately adjacent to construction work is very important. There must always be a shed over the sidewalk, and where buildings more than 12 or 13 stories in height are being erected there should be a shed and wire mesh protection extending over the entire street. Such protection will take care of small objects falling from the building, but of course will not protect against a derrick collapse or the fall of heavy material. For protection against such accidents, dependence must be placed on skilled and careful ironworkers and on supervision.

In erecting steel framework for high buildings, it is necessary to have skilled and experienced workers. It does not necessarily follow, however, that skilled and experienced workers will always do their work in the safest manner. Yet, the man with the intelligence that must go with skill can be made to realize that it is to his own interest to take care to avoid injury to his fellow workmen and to the public. In working toward the prevention of accidents, it is not so much the idea to weed out the careless workman as to see that safe working conditions are provided and that the supervision is such that the habitual chance-taking and careless men will not dare overstep the safety rules which have been laid down.

Erecting the Framework

As soon as any part of the framework is erected, it must be plumbed and aligned with wire cables. The riveting is then immediately started. As soon as sufficient rivets have been set to hold the framework, solid derricks are erected on the topmost As soon as the derricks are in place, this tier is covered with loose planks carefully laid together. This is known as the erecting floor. Columns are then received for the next two or three tiers. Sometimes columns are fabricated for three stories, but two stories is more often the height. All members are marked at the fabricating shop and must be distributed according to the plan of the building and erected only at the right place. As soon as the columns are set, the floor beams are installed. In this manner the erection continues until the top of the steel framework has been reached. In the meantime the floor arches are being installed as closely as possible behind the riveters, and the outside walls of the building are being laid. All of this work is, of course, done by contractors other than the steel-erection contractors. When the last piece of steel is in place,

the derricks must be dismantled and lowered to the ground, together with all other equipment, and loaded onto trucks and hauled away to storage yards or to other jobs.

Demolition

Demolition of steel frame buildings is practically the reverse of erection in so far as the steel itself is concerned, and there is a close parallel in the accident prevention work to be done in both cases. The disconnecting and all handling of the steel members and lowering to the street is done by ironworkers ordinarily employed in erection. In addition to the hazards incidental to this work, we find those occasioned by the tearing-down and removal of other materials of which the buildings are constructed. These materials greatly increase the confusion and hazard incidental to demolition and call for the best efforts of the safety inspector and men in charge.

Types of Buildings Removed

A word about the type and construction of buildings being torn down will doubtless be of interest. Steel-frame buildings are of such recent construction that they are being demolished not because of deterioration but to make room for larger and higher buildings. It follows that more of the wall-bearing type of buildings are being removed than those constructed with steel frames, although wall-bearing buildings are being taken down to make way for the larger structures rather than because they are unsafe.

The wall-bearing buildings being demolished in New York City are chiefly in the downtown section and are seldom over twelve stories in height. These were constructed from 1888 to 1890 in most cases. The walls are very thick, averaging about 32 inches at the street level and tapering out to about 16 inches at the top. They were built with one-story cast iron columns for interior bearing and with wrought iron floor beams. The iron members are all bolted together. Because of the presence of cast iron columns and iron beams, some of the demolition work in connection with these buildings must be done by iron workers.

The floor arches of the older buildings are constructed of yellow clay tile or brick, which is not nearly so strong as the more modern type arches made of red tile. The piling of débris on the floors must be very carefully watched, and in some cases it is necessary to practically eliminate this. Many deplorable accidents have been caused by the overloading of these floors. Hanging ceilings are commonly found, and these should be immediately removed, as the vibration occasioned by the wrecking is likely to cause them to fall.

The steel-frame buildings that are being wrecked are anywhere from 10 to 25 stories in height and most of them are in the same section of the city. In this type of building all members are riveted together and the walls are not

more than half the thickness of those found in the older types.

Building-Demolition Equipment

For the demolition of steel-frame structures, practically the same equipment is used as for erecting, and the importance of the contractor's having good equipment and plenty of it should again be emphasized. The derrick and its fittings, guys, bridle slings, anchor slings, wire rope, and manila slings should all be of the same general type and kept in the same good condition as described for construction.

Toggle slings are used only in the setting of columns and are, of course, not needed here. The same type of hoists are used, and signaling is done in the same manner. The equipment of heating and riveting is eliminated, but in its place we have the oxyacetylene outfit for the cutting of rivets and sometimes the cutting of members. The selection of the proper oxyacetylene outfit and the care and precautions to be taken in its use are not problems peculiar to the demolition of steel framework, but they are matters which should receive the proper attention on every job.

In taking down the steel in the building, the derrick is always placed at the front of the floor below the roof where the columns are connected. The derrick may be one, two, or three floors below the roof. The derrick must be anchored with

the same care as for erecting.

The hoist is located on the grade floor. Here, again, is needed the same substantial guarding of the cables where they pass through the floors, as described for erecting. The signaling is done by cords connected to gongs. The signal cords should be run through separate 2-inch iron pipes, but in the case of demolition, they should pass down on the outside of the building.

As the walls are wrecked, the disconnecting of the members is started. The rivets at the columns and beam connections are cut with an oxyacetylene flame, the derrick being attached to each member before it is loosened. The steel is lowered at once to the street, where it is loaded on trucks and carted, there being, of course, no storage facilities. The derrick, in addition to handling steel, is used to handle any heavy façade masonry, wooden floor débris, and smaller débris in scale boxes.

As soon as the walls and the frame have been removed to the derrick level, a hole is knocked through the floor, and the derrick is lowered to the point where the next column connections are located. The operation is repeated until the building is completely razed.

The contractor engaged in steel wrecking must take into consideration the stability of the building walls in all his work. For this reason he must have a different experience from, and perhaps more

experience than, the steel erector.

In the demolition of steel-frame buildings, as in the erection, a number of factors must be taken into account and must be closely watched if accidents are to be eliminated. The best of equipment must be provided and must be properly ar-



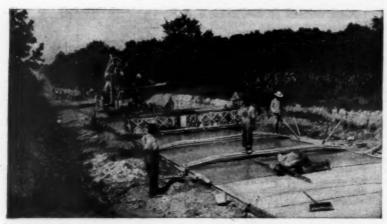
ANOTHER VIEW OF A GOOD ERECTING FLOOR SHOWING TWO MEN AT THE TOP OF THE COL-UMNS WAITING TO RECEIVE BEAMS FOR CON-NECTING

ranged and set up. It must be kept in good operating order. Supervision is vitally important, to see that the right equipment is correctly used, and that there is no overloading of floors and that in making every move the workmen observe every precaution to safeguard themselves and others. Finally, there must be expert inspection service to constantly check and aid the supervision in all measures for the promotion of safety.

Le Roi Announces New Four-Cylinder Engine

THE Le Roi Engine Company, Milwaukee, Wis., has recently announced a new Model K 4-cylinder engine, developing 10 to 12 horsepower. This engine has been especially designed to fill the engine requirements not met by this company's two- and four-cylinder heavy-duty types. While this new model develops four horsepower more than the two-cylinder model, its compactness lends itself to installation where the two-cylinder types have been used.

In rounding out its line of gasoline engines, the Le Roi Company has also brought out a onecylinder engine which develops five horsepower.



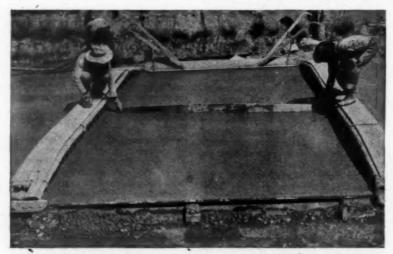
HELTZEL COMBINED MOTOR AND HAND POWER PINISHING MACHINE ON S. K. JONES & COMPANY'S CONCRETE EOAD JOB IN TIPTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Construction Methods on Tennessee's Longest Highway

Concrete Road Crosses State from West to East

STATE Highway No. 1 is the principal through route crossing Tennessee from west to east. Beginning at Memphis in the southwest corner of the state, it passes through Jackson, Nashville, and Knoxville, as well as many other important communities, before it finally connects with the Virginia State Highway in the northeast corner of Tennessee. It

is the main highway to Washington, D. C., and is the longest and most important thoroughfare in the state of Tennessee. This highway has been improved for its entire length. Much of the distance is paved. There are some stretches of stone or gravel surface, and the sections of earth road are few and will be entirely eliminated during the 1926 construc-



STRAIGHT EDGING THE SURFACE OF THE ROAD LAID BETWEEN HELTZEL 8-INCH ROAD FORMS



LONGITUDINAL AND LONG HANDLED PLOATS USED TO GIVE THE PAVEMENT A TRUE SURFACE

tion season.

During the construction season of 1925 the portion of the road in Tipton County and Haywood County south of Brownsville was surfaced with an 18-foot slab. J. E. Pryor & Company, Martin, Tenn., were the contractors for the portion of the work in Haywood County, and S. K. Jones & Company, Memphis, Tenn., were the contractors for the Tipton County section.

S. K. Jones & Company used 2,000 feet of Heltzel 9-inch armor plate road forms and a Heltzel combined power and hand finishing



REDUCING HIGH SPOTS WITH CARBORUNDUM BRICK UNTIL THE STRAIGHT EDGE SHOWS A TRUE SURPACE

machine. Their materials were batched with Heltzel agrabatchers. Especial attention was paid to surface finish on both contracts. In Tipton County the finishing machine was followed by a longitudinal float which wiped out any uneven places left by the strike and tamp templates of the finishing machine. The men who handled the float tried the surface with a straight edge before they moved their bridges ahead.

Following the longitudinal float, two men further smoothed the surface with long-handled floats. Each of these men had a straight edge with which he tried the surface before leaving it. As soon as the concrete had become hard enough, the inspector checked the surface with



LONGITUDINAL FLOAT USED TO ELIMINATE IMPERFECTIONS This float was also used as a tamper strike-off when occasion demanded



TOOLING THE EDGES TO PREVENT PEATHERING AT AN EXPANSION JOINT A 2-inch plank bulkhead was left in place while the concrete was deposited, then later removed to form a wide expansion joint which was filled with hot joint material

These were removed by polishing with a car- his straight edge showed a true surface.

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Miscellaneous Notes

Sullivan Moves Boston Office

HE Sullivan Machinery Company, 162 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., has announced the removal of its Boston office to Suite 701, 45 Milk Street, from 201 Devonshire Street, where it has been located for some time. George H. Richey is Manager, assisted by E. T. Hall, and R. W. Haskel.

Harnischfeger Appointments

THE Harnischfeger Corporation, Milwaukee, Wis., has announced the appointment of H. S. Beale as Sales Engineer in the New York territory, with offices at 50 Church Street, New York. H. A. Wolcott, formerly in charge of the Miami, Fla., office, has been made District Manager of the New York territory. S. B. Bubier has been appointed Sales Engineer in charge of the Miami District, with offices at 343 S. W. North River Drive, Room 306, Miami, Fla.

Abram Cement Tool Company Moves to Larger Quarters

HE Abram Cement Tool Company, formerly located at 3818-3834 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Mich., has just moved into its new quarters at 2300 Michigan Avenue, corner of Michigan Avenue and 15th Street, opposite the Michigan Central Passenger Station, Detroit. The main office, salesroom, warehouse, and factory are now located under the same room, a convenience that will be appreciated by patrons.

Heil Announcements

HE Heil Company, Milwaukee, Wis., has opened a factory branch office and service station for the New England territory at 298 North Harvard Street, Boston (Brighton), Mass. Clarence H. Zarse, formerly of the Heil Milwaukee general sales staff, has been placed in charge as Branch Manager.

Announcement has also been made that Howard Winton, formerly Advertising Manager, is now in charge of promotion and activities of Heil branches and distributors in his new capacity as General Branch Manager. Arthur Nicolaus, formerly Assistant Advertising Manager, has been appointed Advertising Manager.

Wood Buys Highway Trailer Company **Mechanical Hoist**

THE Highway Associate Companies, Edgerton, Wis., comprising the Highway Trailer Company and the Continental Axle Company, have announced the sale of the Highway mechanical hoist to the Wood Hydraulic Hoist & Body Company of Detroit. This step was taken by the Highway Associate Companies to permit the concentration of manufacturing facilities on the line of highway trailers and to make room for the new line of Highway power quicklift, detachable semi-trailers, a development in semi-trailer design and operation which will be announced very soon.

Safety bulletin boards should not be used for any other purpose than the displaying of timely accordent prevention posters, according to K. D. Hamilton in a recent article appearing in "Factory."

Lime in Concrete Highway Construction

By C. R. STOKES

ATA collected during 1924 and 1925 in Wisconsin, Louisiana, Ohio, Connecticut, Virginia, Delaware, and Massachusetts show conclusively that lime makes a concrete mix more uniform, holds the water cement ratio more nearly constant, improves the finish and riding qualities of the road, and imparts the same or greater strength to the concrete. All of this contributes toward the security of the highway investment and benefits the general public, the contractor, and the engineer.

How Is Lime Used?

After the subgrade has been properly prepared and the side forms set to the correct However, as much smaller amounts of lime are used than cement, a portion of the 50-pound sack of lime is first poured from the sack into a suitable container for measuring the correct amount. This quantity must be predetermined by taking into account the mix proportions, kind of aggregates, etc. The leaner mixes necessarily will require more of an admixture than the richer ones, but, to simplify matters, let us say that a 5-bag batch of 1:2:4 proportions requires the addition of 25 pounds of lime, or 5 per cent by weight of the cement. This, then, is the amount to be added to every batch, and as lime is delivered in 50-pound bags, the measuring is simplified,

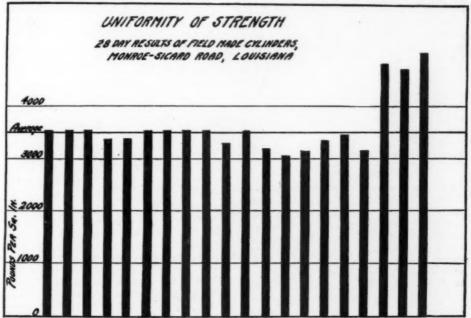


FIGURE 1.—GIVING THE RESULTS OF 28-DAY TESTS OF FIELD-MADE CYLINDERS OF CONCRETE FROM THE MONROE-SICARD ROAD, LA., SHOWING THE UNIFORMITY OF STRENGTH

grade and alignment, the mixer is moved to its place between the forms, and the job of pouring the concrete slab is ready to begin. The mixer may be charged by hand from stock piles of aggregates along the subgrade, by trucks, or industrial railway hauling from a central proportioning plant. In the latter case the cement may be placed loose on the load at the plant or dumped directly into the paver skip. It is customary to follow the same procedure in adding lime to the batch.

for the bags can be cut in half to obtain the required amount.

Control of the Mix

The first important thing to be borne in mind when ready to mix and pour concrete is proper control of the consistency. Concrete for highway construction must be mixed with the least possible amount of water. In the field this is a difficult thing to accomplish and still obtain a concrete which can be easily and

properly handled. It can be done without much trouble in the laboratory, but laboratory refinements are neither economic nor practical in the field. The use of hydrated lime is a practical way to control consistency and obtain uniformly dry concrete in the field. As has been demonstrated on many different jobs, lime has a higher affinity for water than cement, so it actually takes up moisture and dries up the mix. Slump tests will further demonstrate this fact, for a comparison of slump test results between concrete with and without lime and containing the same amount of water, will show from 2 to 3 inches less slump in the concrete containing lime.

Lime Prevents Segregation

As the mixed concrete leaves the paver drum and is deposited on the subgrade, the necessity for proper consistency is emphasized. If too much water has been used in mixing, the concrete is badly segregated. The mortar is thin and soupy and does not cling to the surface of the aggregates. Concrete of this nature cannot be worked into a dense and compact mass. In sharp contrast, properly mixed concrete containing lime is deposited in a smooth, plastic mass wherein every piece of aggregate is thoroughly coated with thick mortar and the whole batch bonded together into a uniform and homogeneous mixture. A mixture of this character can be easily worked into a dense, watertight slab of concrete.

Workability

Concrete containing lime is handled efficiently and very easily by the workmen who spade it into place between the forms. Being in a plastic mass with a sufficient mortar content, it can be shoveled into place with the minimum of effort. This is far from the case with a dry mix containing no lime, and likewise in one that is too wet. The former is harsh and not at all plastic, while the latter is segregated to such an extent that the workman finds himself shoveling coarse aggregate in place of concrete.

Lime Concrete Tamps More Easily

When the workmen have thoroughly spread and spaded the concrete on the subgrade, it must next be struck off and tamped to the level of the forms. This is done either by hand screed boards or mechanical tamping machines. If the concrete is too wet and therefore segregated, it necessitates much extra tamping in an effort to fill up the porous spots, and even then the chances are greatly in favor of voids not properly filled forming dangerous bridging

in the lower half of the slab. Likewise, a stiff, dry, harsh-working concrete will require the very maximum of effort before it can be properly compacted. However, when the concrete has been properly mixed and contains lime, it is already in a plastic, dense mass and can be compacted easily and safely. necessary mortar will be brought to the top with less tamping-a saving in time and labor and better for the concrete itself. Concrete of this nature is particularly necessary on grades and sharply superelevated sections, for it is stiff enough so that it will not sag away from the forms or tamping machine, and yet it is so easily handled that the same speed and ease of operation maintained on level operations can be maintained under the more difficult conditions described.

More Rapid Finishing

The actual finishing of concrete pavements is done in many different ways. Probably the method most prevalent is the use of an improved hand roller following the tamping operation, to remove excess water, and then to smooth the surface with a canvas belt. Regardless of the method used, the dryness of the concrete is the controlling factor as to how fast or how slow the concrete can be finished. When concrete has been poured too wet, the finishers are frequently 200 feet or more in the rear of the machine or screed board, which can only mean overtime finishing in every instance. The reason for their being so far behind is apparent when it is considered that several rollings are necessary to remove the excess water.

With concrete containing lime this is not the The lime takes up water so that the concrete when spread out in slab form does not contain any appreciable amount of excess water. In fact, this feature of concrete containing lime is so pronounced that a roller has been said to be an unnecessary tool on a lime concrete job. This is a decided advantage when a tamping machine is in use, for the belt on the machine can be used during the last tamping operation. On the hand finished job the advantage is also very apparent, for the finishers do not have to wait for the rolling, but can work close behind the tamping operation. It can readily be seen that the danger of "overfinishing" is practically eliminated through the use of lime.

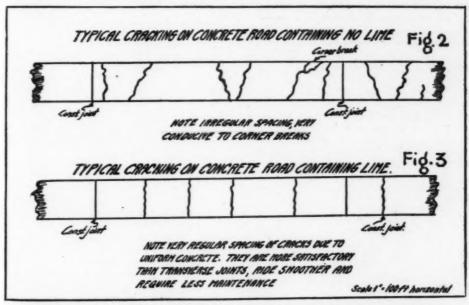
For protection of the finished concrete slab against the elements and for curing, a concrete pavement slab containing lime should be given the same treatment as is normally used. However, it is less liable to craze or hair-crack than a concrete slab containing no lime, because lime concrete is dry when placed and finished, and therefore not subject to the too rapid dryingout action caused by certain temperature conditions.

Uniformity

Every precaution should be exercised to see that concrete placed in the road slab is uniform. There must be a uniform distribution of the aggregate throughout the mass, and this is difficult to secure with a harsh, dry mix containing no lime or one which has been mixed too wet. Lime added to the mixture

onstrated by the results of cylinder tests and by the nature of cracks in the finished road.

If the concrete varies, with regard to the water content or the distribution of materials, cylinder test results will be erratic, some specimens testing high and others low, even though the average may be acceptable. Figure 1 shows a chart of the results of 28-day test cylinders secured from specimens made in the field at Monroe, La. These specimens were made from the concrete as it was deposited, and as they were made regularly throughout the 3.6 miles of pavement they represent the typical concrete secured with an admixture of



PIGURES 2 AND 3.—TYPICAL CRACKING OF CONCRETE ROADS WITHOUT AND WITH LIME

imparts to the mortar a smoothness and plasticity, yet keeps it sticky enough to cling to the coarse aggregate and bind the whole into a uniform and homogeneous mass.

The manner in which a subgrade supports a concrete road slab is not definitely known. In some cases the slab may be uniformly supported over the entire area. At other times the slab may be acting as a simple beam, while again it may be partially supported at irregular intervals. The load it must carry ranges from heavy impact to simple dead load, and the stresses due to these loads over uncertain supports are still further complicated by stresses induced by moisture and temperature variations. Concrete uniformity is therefore extremely important. It is probably best dem-

5 per cent of hydrated lime. It can readily be seen that with the exception of three groups which went over the 4,000-pound mark, the specimens are all close to the average line and well within the allowable limit of variation.

Perhaps the most convincing and positive test for uniformity is the location and direction of transverse cracks in the finished road, together with the length of the interval between cracks. We are referring now to a concrete road in which expansion joints have been omitted and construction joints placed at the end of each day's run. On an average concrete pavement containing no lime, the transverse cracking will follow the lines of least resistance and show no uniformity of spacing or direction. Diagonal and branched cracks

are serious as well as unsightly, for they are conducive to corner breaks and shattering. A concrete road which has many such diagonal, branched, or corner cracks presents a serious problem in maintenance and is also a constant source of worry, because it shows that the concrete is not uniform and that it is only a question of time until it will fail completely.

Figures 2 and 3 clearly illustrate the difference between conditions of this nature and what will be found when an admixture of lime has produced a uniform concrete.

Strength

The results of tests indicate that a judicious use of admixture in concrete which needs improvement in respect to workability will not materially impair the strength. It has been definitely proved by numerous field tests that the use of lime in the leaner concrete mixtures produces increases in strength.

The results shown in Tables 1 and 2 from two different highway jobs in the state of Wisconsin demonstrate the strength of concrete containing lime compared with that having no admixture. These specimens were all carefully made and cured in the field by engineers from the Highway Department and were broken in the highway testing laboratory.

TABLE 1

WISCONSIN FEDERAL AID PROJECT 319 BEING A TEST OF FIELD-MADE SPECIMENS AT 28 DAYS, 1:2:4 CONCRETE

1 ransverse St 4 ½ x 8 x 19-It Modulus of Lbs. per S	nch Beams Rupture	Compressive Strength 6 x 12-Inch Cylinders Lbs. per Sq. In.				
No lime	753 673 687		2,640 1,905 2,755			
Average	704	Average	2,433			
5% lime	822 810 793		2,700 2,928 3,177			
Average	808	Average	2,935			

TABLE 2

90-DAY TESTS OF FIELD SPECIMENS FROM JANESVILLE-DELAVAN ROAD, WISCONSIN WEAR RESULTS

> 4 % x 8 x 19-Inch Beams-1:2:4 Mrx With 5 % lime-weight

Specimen										Before	After	% Wear
											62.2 lbs, 57.6 lbs.	
											62.7 lbs.	
J-5	0.0	0 0				0				65.5 lbs.	61.3 lbs.	6.4 %
J-7	0.0	0 0	0	0 0	0	q	0	0	0	64.8 lbs.	61.8 lbs.	50%
7-9	0.0	0 0	0	0 0		0	0	0	0	64.0 lbs.	60.9 lbs.	5.0 %
										64 6 lbs.	61 0 lbs	5500

Specimen	No lime—weigh Before	After % Wear
J-21		
J-23		
J-25		
J-27		
J-29	57.5 lbs	. 54.5 lbs. 5.2 %
J-32	57,6 lbs	57.6 lbs. 6.0 %
	60.7 lbs	. 57.4 lbs. 5.7 %

TRANSVERSE STRENGTH

	41/4 x 8 x 19		
With 5% H	me	No lim	6
	Lbs. Sq.		Lbs. Sq.
Specimen	In.	Specimen	In.
J-5	720 lbs.	J-31	
J-7	840 lbs.	J-33	
J-19	833 lbs.	1-35	930 lbs.*
J-9	840 lbs.	J-21	1,070 lbs.*
1-3	873 lbs.	J-25	860 lbs.
J-1	962 lbs.	J-23	910 lbs.
J-12	1.053 lbs.*	J-27	
J-15	1.121 lbs.*	1-29	870 lbs.
J-17		J-32	725 lbs.
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* Specimens were not in the rattler before cross-bending

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

6 x 12" CYLINDERS MADE With 5% lime	CONCURRENTLY WITH BEAMS No lime
Specimen Lbs. Sq.	Specimen In.
J-1 4,130 lbs, J-3 4,700 lbs, J-5 4,550 lbs, J-7 4,200 lbs, J-9 3,970 lbs, J-12 3,440 lbs, J-15 3,660 lbs, J-17 3,520 lbs	J-21 3,050 lbs. J-31 3,480 lbs. J-33 4,100 lbs. J-35 3,820 lbs. J-29 3,490 lbs. J-27 3,370 lbs. J-23 3,560 lbs. J-25 3,240 lbs.
Average4,021 lbs.	Average3,514 lbs.

Appearance and Riding Qualities

The public is particularly sensitive to the appearance and riding qualities of a concrete road, especially the latter. If it rides smooth, the road is good; if not, the job has been poorly constructed. The use of hydrated lime helps the engineer and contractor to secure the most uniform, smooth, and even finish. Concrete containing lime is uniform and homogeneous throughout, and therefore can be uniformly compacted to the exact contour and grade. Once struck off and tamped, it maintains its crown and may be finished smoothly and evenly. There are no stiff batches which will remain high, or soft batches which can settle after the finishing operation, for lime eliminates the possibilities of alternate wet and dry batches so common on the usual road job and thus makes possible a smooth, even finish, sufficiently gritty to provide good traction, and free from stone pockets or patches of laitance.

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Accident prevention work is applied common sense.

Every man in the construction industry should be an accident preventionist

The Dumbarton Highway Bridge Across San Francisco Bay

By FORD WILKINS

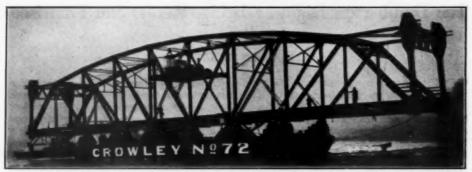
THE \$2,000,000 Dumbarton Highway Bridge across the lower end of San Francisco Bay, the first passenger traffic bridge ever built south of the Golden Gate across the world's greatest landlocked harbor, is now nearing completion after a-year and a half of constant labor, and is expected to be opened to traffic early this fall.

The structure is a private toll-bridge, financed in part by a bond issue, and backed by San Francisco business men who organized the Owing to the inaccessibility of the bridge site before a 6-mile approach highway was built, all material, equipment, and machinery had to be floated down the bay by barge, approximately 25 miles. The problems attending the setting of nine 225-foot spans and the construction of the piers while battling with a strong sweep of tide, called for ingenuity and careful manipulation on the part of engineers and contractors who handled the various jobs. At the eastern end of the bridge approach

TOWER FOR ONE END OF LIFT-SPAN SET UP HORIZONTALLY IN SHIPYARD FOR REAMING Later the tower was knocked down and taken by barge up the bay for erection at the bridge site. Each of the two towers is 165 feet tall.

Dumbarton Bridge Company. The bridge is designed for the exclusive use of automobiles carrying passengers, and trucks carrying freight. It has a lift-span with a 135-foot vertical clearance over a width of 200 feet, to provide for passage of bay shipping. The new bridge will cut off 30 miles from the San Francisco-Oakland auto route via the end of the bay, and will afford a direct route for shipped-by-truck goods from the San Joaquin valley to San Francisco.

is the town of Newark, Calif., approximately 30 miles south of Oakland, and the western end joins the peninsula about four miles east of Redwood City and two miles north of Palo Alto. Thus the bridge is about the same distance from San Francisco on one side as from Oakland on the other. Marsh land and salt ponds which cover the entire lower end of the bay shoreline necessitated building 18,800 feet of 24-foot highway on the Newark side and 9,500 feet on the peninsula side; and this, with



LIFT-SPAN FOR DUMBARTON HIGHWAY BRIDGE BEING FLOATED DOWN SAN FRANCISCO BAY, DECEMBER 14, 1925

Nine 225-foot spans like this weighing more than 200 tons were built in dry dock and carried twenty-five miles by barge to the bridge site

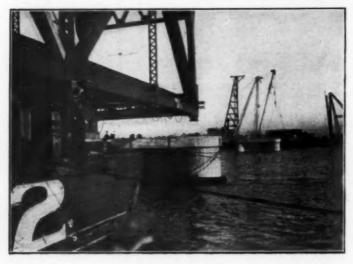
6,300 feet of bridge, gives a construction length over-all of 34,600 feet. Each of the nine main spans is 225 feet long. There are 4,270 feet of steel beam spans set on concrete piers 20 inches and 24 inches square.

Preliminary surveys at the bridge site were made in the latter months of 1924, after the contract for engineering had been awarded to Harrington, Howard & Ash, who were able to secure preliminary information as to foundation conditions from data obtained during the construction, some 20 years ago, of the Southern Pacific railroad bridge, located three-fourths of a mile south of the Dumbarton Highway Bridge, and from U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey charts.

The bottom of the bay was found to be largely mud, soft at the top and gradually stiffening into clay with increased depths. A mean tide range of 7 feet 6 inches, gives way to an extreme range of about 12 feet, from the lowest point observed while the bridge was under construction to the highest. The bay narrows from approximately 6 miles in width near the Golden Gate to 1.2 miles at the bridge site, and then widens again at the south end of the bay to about 4 miles. This gives an exceptionally strong sweep of tide through the channel, and prevailing northwest winds across the 25 miles of open water attain a high velocity at certain hours of the day, adding seasickness to numerous other obstacles in the way of construction.

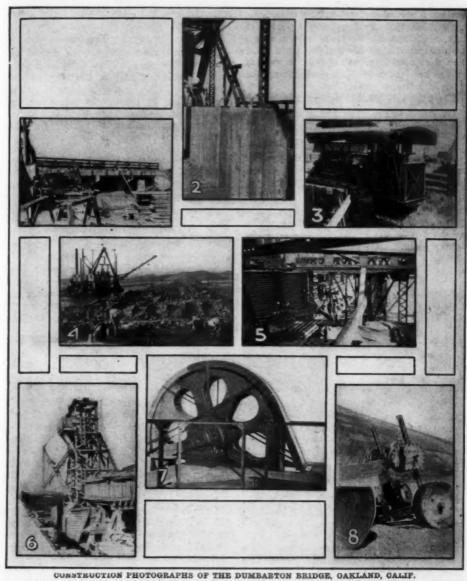
Construction of Piers

Contracts were let in December, 1924, and actual construction began about the first of the new year, 1925, when the first test piles were



WAITING FOR THE TIDE TO FALL TO LAND THE 220-TON BRIDGE SPAN

Once jockeyed into position over their piers the Dumbarton spans were held until the tide let them down into position



1. A 50-feet concrete culvert over a drainage channel on the eastern bridge approach to provide salt-pend drainage. Smith concrete mixer shown at left. 2. Auxiliary counterweights for lift-span, each block weighing 1,200 pounds, were poured in a moid on the bridge floor. 3. Caterpillar tractor used to grade the approaches in combination with the Le Tourneau earth mover. 4. Steam dredge with clamshell bucket used to dump bay mud in the foundation for highway approach across marria land salt ponds. 5. Drums for winding lift-span cables. These are the only parts of the operating machinery outside the machinery house which is shown at the right. 6. Floating concrete plant mounted on a barge so that it could pour in any position when anchored alongside the bridge. 7. Sheaves at top of the lift-span towers. Four of these, each 11 feet in diameter, support the cables that operate the elevator. 8. The electrically operated Le Tourneau blade grader

driven. A No. I Vulcan steam hammer was used in driving the pier piles. Cribs were sunk by dredging at the pier sites with a clamshell dredge. Plans called for wooden piles extending not less than 40 feet below the base of each concrete pier, 52 piles to a pier, except at each end of the lift-span, where additional piles were used to provide for the extra load of the 165-foot steel towers supporting the lift-span and counterweights.

The open crib method was used in setting the concrete piers. Wooden cribs, 41 by 15 feet at the base, were partially built in San Francisco and towed up the bay to be sunk preparatory to the driving of piles, which were cut off 20 feet below mean lower low-water level. The deepest pier base extended 58 feet

below the same level.

Setting Cribs

The first big problem was to hold these cribs for the pier bases against the tide. Before the cribs were sunk, pile docks were built around each pier site, four piles to a group and six groups to a pier, strengthened with batter piles and held together with cross-timbers. On these, points were set from which to locate square piles encircling the crib to guide them during the sinking. The up-bay side was left open, the pier crib floated in, the dock closed, and the crib sunk. This dock held the crib on all sides until the pier piles could be driven and the base concreted, when the docks were removed. Comparatively little of the dock timbers could be salvaged for use a second time on account of the activity of the tides, although the docks proved amply capable of holding against the pressure. The tops of these concrete pier bases are 15 feet below mean lower low-water level, and from here to the top the piers were formed.

Cofferdams used in this work were built of 12 by 12 timbers, sheeted and braced, bolted every 3 feet, and calked like a ship's hull. After the bottom part of the base had been poured by means of a tremie, the water was pumped out of the cofferdams through a 6inch suction line attached to Gardner steam pumps located on the contractor's barges. One Worthington steam pump with a 10-inch suction pipe was on the job part of the time. These steam pumps were used when it was impossible to operate the electrically driven Crowe pumps which the contractor uses when power is available. With the water pumped out, the concrete was poured by means of a Ransome one-yard mixer mounted on the barge. This outfit has a cement platform, a rock bin and a sand bin. Materials are shifted by means of lever chutes into the mixer, spilled into the hopper, then hoisted and dropped through another chute onto the job.

Setting the Trusses

Setting the 220-ton truss-spans proved an even more delicate operation. They were built on the Oakland estuary at the plant of the Moore Dry Dock Company and towed up the bay on a 42- by 130-foot barge. Since the spans have a depth of truss of 36 feet at the center and an overall length of 225 feet, they were extremely bulky and hard to handle. They were built on falsework at the drydock, and a barge floated under them at low tide. As the tide flowed in, the barge was lifted under the span until it cleared its supports, and then was towed up the bay behind tugboats.

Arrival of the spans at the bridge site was carefully timed to correspond to maximum high tide. As this varies from day to day, charts had to be followed carefully to take advantage of the morning lull in trade winds. Procedure used in raising the spans at the plant was simply reversed in setting them in position at the bridge piers, though the operation was more complicated. They were floated between the piers, and the outgoing tide let them down into

position.

The spans, on arrival, were jockeyed into approximate position by means of two tugs, and lines made fast to them from two ship's anchors set the previous day on the up-bay side of the bridge. Before the span left the yard, cables were fastened to the bottom chords on each side, near the ends. On arrival, these were connected through chain blocks to the ends of the piers. By means of such chain blocks and crossed lines, it was possible to shift the span in any direction to get it in correct position for landing. Lines to the chain blocks were operated by two men from a platform floated between the piers.

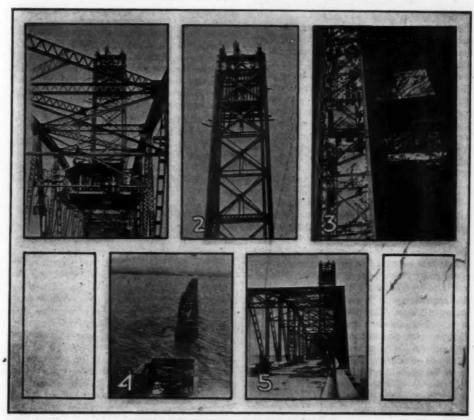
Once in position, the span was held until the tide let it come to rest on the piers. The barge on which the spans were floated up the bay was provided with five watertight compartments and equipped with sea-valves. This gave an additional control in setting the span in place, and when it finally had come to rest, enough water was let in to sink the barge until it could be removed. The sea-valves also gave additional control while the span was being jockeyed into position.

Approach Spans

The 20-inch and 24-inch concrete piles for

approach spans were driven without jetting, using a No. O Vulcan steam hammer. Cap forms were supported by clamps on the piles, and the caps concreted by a floating concrete plant operated by the contractors. The 35-foot steel girder beams were then erected by a floating derrick and lined up and grouped. Forms for the concrete floor slab were supported from needle beams hook-bolted to the bottom flanges

reamed, then knocked down and barged up the bay to be erected in place. The 600-ton lift-span is exactly balanced by two big steel reinforced counterweights of solid concrete. These rise and fall inside the towers, guided on steel tracks, like an elevator counterweight, and had to be poured, of course, at top position. Thirty-two cables, 13% inches in diameter, eight to a corner of the lift-span, run over 11-



STEEL WORK ON THE DUMBARTON BRIDGE

Machinery house on the bridge lift-span, 25 feet above the crown of the roadway, containing a Sterling engine and auxiliary motor.
 Eastern lift-span tower in position as seen from the top of the lift-span.
 Contral span from top of the 165-foot tower.
 Open span temporarily left for passage of shipping until lift-span is tested.
 Concrete floor on the Dambarton highway bridge before laying the asphalt pavement

of the beams, the steel reinforcing laid, and the slab poured by the floating plant. Two hundred tons of steel handrail completed this part of the bridge.

Lift-Span Towers and Counterweights

The towers which support the lift-span and counterweights, approximately 165 feet tall, were built first in the Moore shipyards in a horizontal position, accurately lined up and

foot sheaves at the top of the towers. For pouring the counterweights, a Le Roi hoist and concrete buggy was used with a National hoisting engine. This outfit was capable of carrying a maximum weight of approximately 1,500 pounds a distance of 160 feet in 40 seconds.

There are 140 yards of concrete in each counterweight. Two sizes of additional, detachable counterweights of about 1,200 and 350 pounds each were poured to permit adjustment

for balance, and two heavy steel chains, each link of which weighs about 180 pounds, are suspended from the framework on each tower to the bottom of the counterweights to give exact balance at all points with the shifting weight of the cables as the span is operated. Some of this concrete work was done at night with the aid of Milburn acetylene lights. The counterweights have a steel frame consisting of double girders with hangers, and rope connections at the top of the hangers.

All the machinery for operating the lift-span is carried in a 15- by 20-foot steel frame machinery house set on steel girders in the center of the lift-span, about 25 feet above the crown of the roadway. A 120-horsepower, four-cylinder Sterling gas engine with electric starter and ordinary gear lever and clutch, operates the span. A 16-horse Buda is installed for an auxiliary motor. The main engine operates on a gear ratio which carries the span from top to bottom in three minutes. Present bay traffic will not necessitate lifting the span more than half-way.

Roadway

Construction of 28,300 feet of roadway is now being rushed to completion. These approaches must cross a maze of salt ponds and bay marsh land, jutting into the bay proper for about 1,000 feet on the east side. Specifications call for a 24-foot pavement on a 40-foot embankment, with wooden railings. The paving is to be laid on a rock base with penetration asphalt top, with asphaltic paving on the bridge roadway. The base for the approaches is bay mud, dumped into position with two dredges, one an 80-horsepower steam outfit with a clamshell bucket, made by Strate & Cadle of Stockton, Calif., for the Sonoma Land Company, leased by the contractor, and the other a similar dredge with a 60-horsepower Peerless gas engine.

A Northwest steam shovel with crawler treads was used by the road contractor for digging a cut through a long hill on the east side, where the salt ponds join the main land. Two Caterpillar tractors were used for all grading work and general utility. These were coupled with new special earth movers for heavy road work. These grading tools were operated by one man from the cab of the tractor. Two electric motors, mounted on the framework and geared to the blade with cog shafts, enable the blade to be raised, lowered or placed in any desired position merely by touching a couple of levers in the cab of the tractor. Patents on the new invention were recently secured by R. G. LaToumeau, of Stockton, Calif., who invented them and is

now engaged in manufacturing them on a small scale.

Water Traffic

There is comparatively little water traffic now operating on the lower end of San Francisco Bay, but enough to make it necessary to leave one of the bridge spans on its falsework at the shipyards, leaving a space for passage until the lift-span could be tested and operated. Two packet steamers called South Shore boats make a single trip a day, carrying miscellaneous freight from San Francisco and Oakland to Milpetas, San Jose, and other South Bay points. A few scows, derricks, yachts, and sailing craft comprise the rest of the traffic, but plans for the future include sizeable ports and increased traffic in lumber, and heavier freight by direct water route to bay cities.

Toll charges on the bridge will be 35 cents for one five-passenger car and driver, with 5 cents for each additional passenger, and proportionate rates for other classes and for freight. The passenger rates cut the present ferry cost on automobiles across the bay about in half.

Contractor and Engineer Personnel

The Healy-Tibbetts Construction Company of San Francisco had the contract for piers, concrete piles, and the concrete deck of the bridge. The Moore Dry Dock Company, of Oakland, handled all the steel work, and the Dutton Dredge Company, of San Francisco, had the dredging on the west embankment. Peabody & Wheeler, of San Francisco, had the dredging on the east side as well as timber culverts under the roadway, to provide for flow of brine in salt ponds. Peter McHugh, of San Francisco, had the contract for one mile of graded road on the east side and for the paving on approaches, while W. L. Cooley, of San' Carlos, built a 50-foot concrete culvert over a drainage channel on the east side.

Harrington, Howard & Ash, of Kansas City, Mo., as consulting engineers for the Dumbarton Bridge Company, designed and supervised the construction of all parts of the project. Frank M. Cortelyou was resident engineer on the job for the consulting engineers, and to him we are largely indebted for the technical informa-

tion in this article.

The population to be served by the bridge approximates 1,000,000 people, owning in excess of 220,000 automobiles and trucks. Based upon traffic counts made by the United States Bureau of Roads and upon the toll rates fixed in the franchise, initial net revenue of the bridge, available for annual bond interest, will exceed \$289,000.

Progress of Welded Pipe Lines for Oakland Water-Supply

Steel Pipe Fabricated by New Process of Arc Welding Used Throughout

ORK on the new 90-mile electrically welded water-supply line for the city of Oakland, Calif., has progressed rapidly. More than five miles of the Stable-Arc welded steel pipe has already been laid in the trenches to bring the water-supply for Oakland from the Mokelumne River. Each day 65-inch-diameter steel pipe in 30-foot lengths is being fabricated by eight specially designed Lincoln Electric Company automatic welders at the West Berkeley, Calif., plant of the Steel Tank & Pipe-Company.

Accurate costs are being kept on the fabrication of this Stable-Arc welded pipe already manufactured, showing the economies possible through the use of this new process. Known costs, it is claimed, on work already done provide complete justification for the \$3,000,000 saving which is guaranteed by the Steel Tank & Pipe Company on the fabrication of the 90



WELDING OF PIPE COMPLETE, SHOWING SPOT WELDS, THE INITIAL STEP IN WELDING THE PIPE

miles of pipe, as against the estimate for supplying other types of steel pipe. These savings are made possible by the use of the welding process devised by the Lincoln Electric Company of Cleveland, Ohio, resulting in reduced labor cost and a substantial decrease in the amount of steel required for the pipe.

Of vital importance is the fact that the welded pipe is all being tested to accurately determine its strength. Each 30-foot length subjected to test must come through without failure or damage.

Using steel plate furnished by the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company, varying in thickness from 3/6- to 5/6-inch, the Steel Tank & Pipe Company runs the pieces through the straightening rolls, breaking rolls, and bending rolls to form it into shape. After the two half-circular pieces have been tacked



APPLYING COVERING TO PIPE AFTER BITU-MASTIC TREATMENT

together by hand welding, they are put through the specially built Lincoln automatic welders, where the joining of the steel members is completed. Upon the completion of this step, the pipe lengths are sent to the testing machines.

Thirty-foot sections of 1/2-inch pipe are carried up to a pressure of 312 pounds per square inch, giving 21,500 pounds fibre stress in the steel. While under this pressure, each pipe section is sledged on every foot of the weld with a 19-pound hammer. Following this procedure, the pressure is increased to 400 pounds per square inch, which represents the elastic limit of the steel itself, and, in fact, it has been found that the steel in the pipe stretches sufficiently so that the circumference frequently increases from 1 to 2 inches. After having successfully passed this test without developing any leaks, the welded pipe is passed through for final treatment. The sections are dipped in Bitumastic, then wrapped with a protective covering and put in the trenches.

As the fabrication of the pipe for this 90mile undertaking progresses, sections are taken at random from those passing through the shop and are subjected to a variety of other tests. After a number of sections had been subjected to a tension of 45,000 pounds per square inch, the same length was then bent to a 90-degree



LOADING STABLE-ARC WELDED PIPE AFTER COVERING FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE JOB

angle. Here, again, the test showed the ability of the welded connection to withstand extreme abuse, for they came through in an entirely satisfactory manner.

Among the other severe tests has been the collapsing of the pipe under extreme pressure. Examination of the sections which have been put through this test shows that the welds have

come through without failure.

Early last March the first sections of the Stable-Arc welded steel pipe were laid in the trenches, and the ends welded together. Since that date additional sections have been laid with increasing rapidity and at a rate of progress which is establishing a record for pipe line construction.

Your Carburetor Affects Your Gas Engine Lubrication

By G. S. HAMILTON

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THE adjustment of the carburetor on a gasoline engine determines the proportion in which gasoline and air shall be fed to the engine. This proportion has an important effect on lubrication. Incorrect carburetor adjustment may cause oil pumping, carbon formation, or a thinning of the lubricating oil by dilution with fuel.

"Oil pumping" is the accumulation of excess lubricating oil in the combustion chamber. The oil accumulates because it cannot burn—either from lack of heat to vaporize it or from lack of air to consume it. With too rich carburetor adjustment, there is not enough air to burn the gasoline completely, and obviously not enough to consume any excess of lubricating oil.

If the carburetor is adjusted to Idle too slowly, or if the engine is run too long in this position, the tendency toward oil pumping is greatly aggravated. In the idling position the carburetor throttle is almost closed and a high vacuum is developed in the intake manifold and combustion chamber. This vacuum tends to draw the oil up past the piston. The overoiling tendency is made worse by the fact that the idling mixture is necessarily a rich mix-

ture, and the oil is likely to accumulate because there is not enough air to burn it. Idle the engine for a short time, step on the accelerator, and prove this by the cloud of smoke that comes from the burning of the oil accumulation when the engine is opened up.

In starting the engine, particularly in cold weather, it is necessary to choke the carburetor. This is because the greater portion of the gasoline is too heavy to vaporize in the cold cylinders and consequently cannot be fired. The mixture needed to start the cold engine must be from five to seven times as rich as the normal mixture. Only about one-fifth of the fuel is light enough to vaporize and fire at the low temperature. The rest remains in liquid form and thins out the lubricating oil. It is perfectly clear that if the choke is used to excess, the lubricating oil will be thinned down so much that it will lose part of its value. Avoid excessive choking or unnecessary use of the choke after the engine has started.

Keeping the engine reasonably hot helps both carburetion and lubrication. A large part of the fuel which may have previously accumulated in the oil will be driven off when the engine is thoroughly hot.

Announcements

Doremus New York Manager for Du Pont

I. Du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc., Wilmington, Del., has announced that T. E. Doremus, Manager of the Seattle, Wash., office of its Explosives Department, has been appointed Manager of the New York office of the Explosives Department, succeeding the late Frederick C. Peters, beginning August I. Mr. Doremus is well known in the explosives industry, having begun his work in the industry as a boy with the Schaghticake Powder Company, which was a subsidiary of the Du Pont Company. Later he joined the Laffin & Rand Powder Company, and then came to the Du Pont Company in a clerical capacity. He served

a number of years as Assistant Manager and Manager of the Sporting Powder Division. Later he became foreign representative of the Dyes Department in China, and then was recalled to take charge of the Seattle office.

Harnischfeger Corporation Appointments

THE Harnischfeger Corporation, Milwaukee, Wis., has announced the appointment of L. N. Ridenour, formerly with Wellman. Seaver, Morgan Company, and later agent for contractors' equipment in Cleveland, Ohio, as special factory representative. E. Lynn Puckett of Richmond, Va., has been appointed District Manager of the Charlotte, N. C., office located at 1118 Independent Trust Building.

Channel-Widening Operations in Lower Detroit River

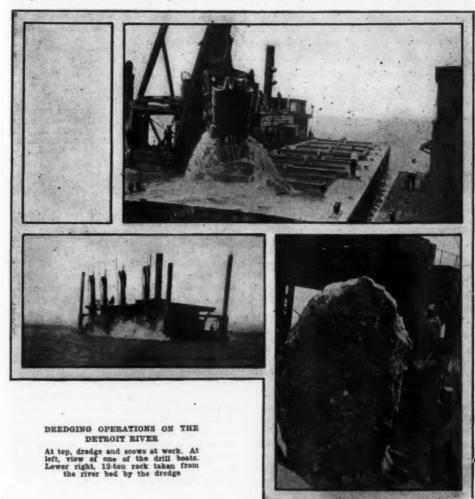
Government Pushes Work to Handle Increasing Lake Traffic

BIG-SCALE work is under way on the river below Detroit to deepen the channel for the rapidly growing lake traffic. This work has a direct bearing on the Great Lakesto-the-Ocean waterway. Anticipating the heavy volume of traffic that the future must necessarily bring, the United States Government is making its preparations accordingly. This is why a small fleet is now at work enlarging the Livingstone Channel.

The plan is to make the channel 11.85 miles in length, 7 miles of which are in the river and 4.85 miles in Lake Erie. The channel has a depth of 21.8 feet. On the completion of this

project the upper part of the channel in the river will be 450 feet wide; the lower part extending below Bois Blanc Island and out into Lake Erie will be 800 feet wide.

To do this work, the contractors, the M. Sullivan Dredging Company, assembled a fleet of two dredges, two drill boats, two tugs, a supply boat and two coal lighters. The dredges were built by Sullivan and have two 6-yard dipper dredges with 16 x 18-inch hoisting engines. The machinery was furnished by the Bucyrus Company. The drill boats were equipped by Ingersoll-Rand. After the drill boats have pounded holes in the limestone bed-



rock of the channel, a charge of dynamite is placed, and the drill boats are moved away to a safe distance. The charge is then exploded, throwing tons of water high into the air, making a phantom iceberg that swiftly disappears as the water streams down again. Then the dredges are brought up to remove the great pieces of limestone that have been dislodged

and to bring them to the surface.

The original channel, opened in the fall of 1912 and named after William Livingstone, then president of the Lake Carriers' Association, was 300 feet in width. It was opened for the traffic of down-bound vessels, but before the project was completed it was perfectly evident that a 300-foot channel would not be wide enough to handle the steadily increasing lake traffic. The Board of Engineers recommended widening the channel to 450 feet, and this is the recommendation that is now reaching fulfillment. The work has been carried on in four sections.

Engineers feel that this project, the cost of which runs into millions of dollars, is fully justified by the traffic that passes through this stretch where Great Lakes traffic is the heaviest. The Detroit River is only 18 miles in length and yet it holds the world's record for tonnage. More than three-fourths of the entire commerce of the Great Lakes passes through this portion. Boats and barges laden with the varied products of the North and West pass through on their way to ports in Ohio and farther east. They carry ores, grain, lumber, and other bulk products. As the lake season is comparatively short, these vessels must be kept on their course without blockade. The work that is now nearing completion will help to prevent such blockades and will be the best safeguard for the future of navigation via Detroit. The work has been carried on under the general supervision and direction of Colonel Edward M. Markham, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.



DRAGGING SLUICE PIPE THROUGH SAND WITH A TRACKSON-FORDSON AND HOIST

Tractor Easily Handles Sluicing Pipes on Soft Fill

Interesting Development in Harbor Work in Portland, Ore.

ONSTANT endeavor is necessary at the Port of Portland, Ore., to keep the channel of the Willamette River open from the heart of Portland to the confluence of the Willamette and the Columbia Rivers. The largest piece of equipment engaged in this work is the great dredge Clackamas with its four diesel engines generating 3,300 horsepower, which was described in detail in the April, 1926, issue of Contractors' & Engi-NEERS' MONTHLY.

Among the smaller and important equipment is a Trackson Full-Crawler-equipped Fordson which has replaced three teams and two men pulling sluicing pipe to location in the newly filled-in sand beds. Before this tractor was used, the men and horses worked overtime and Sundays to keep up with the work. This has been eliminated by the use of the 2ton crawler tractor.

The conditions under which the tractor is working are particularly difficult. The ground is a sharp sand. In places it is so soft that horses cannot be used because their hoofs sink in. Until the tractor was used, it was necessary to keep the horses several hundred feet away from the pipe and use cables to reach from the pipe to the teams. Now, to move the pipes, the tractor goes right in and gets its load.

On the Port of Portland work the service to which the Trackson-Fordson is subjected is so severe that long extension angle cleats have been bolted to the track shoes and instead of the standard width of track a 12-inch track is used to reduce the ground pressure below 33/4 pounds per square inch. R. W. Nelson is in charge of sluice-pipe operations.

Demonstration Road in Virginia to Study New Facts

Abstract of Report by C. A. Hogentogler, Highway Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads

Latest Test Road to Study Details

which has been built by the State of

Virginia is aimed to furnish informa-

tion on the effect of various kinds of

subgrades on three types of concrete

construction. Studies are being made of

construction joints and dividing planes,

aggregates, cements and mix, the effect

of admixtures, and the effect of different

material investigations, studies of test

cylinders, and observations of construc-

tion methods and of surface smoothness.

The experimental work also includes

methods of finishing and curing.

The Bull Run Battlefield test road

DEMONSTRATION highway from which it is expected to obtain information comparable in value and importance to that produced by the Bates Road and Pittsburg, Calif., tests and the experiments of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads at Arlington, Va., is now under construction between Fairfax and Warrenton, Va. This road, which is being built by the Virginia Highway Commission under the direction of Henry G. Shirley, Chairman, and C. S. Mullen, Chief Engineer, of the Commission, is a Federal Aid project. It traverses the historic Bull Run battlefield, and

bridge famous over the Run may be still seen by visitors to the demonstration road.

Unlike Earlier Test Roads

The new demonstration road, unlike the previous experimental roads, is not intended as a test of road design or of the relative value of different surfacing materials. The Virginia standard 8-6-8 concrete section which is used on the major part of the road is not in question. In-

stead, the type of information sought concerns a number of questions not covered by the previous tests and relates principally the influence of the subgrade, the effects of admixtures of various sorts, of the kind and quantity of reinforcement, and of various finishing methods as well as other details of construction. In general, the type of information sought concerns the economy of various common practices in concrete construction, especially in the various measures employed to prevent cracking and breaking and to promote the smoothness of the surface.

In its length of nine miles the road provides opportunity for the study of the effect of the following variables:

1. The Subgrade.-Seven different types of

soil are represented in the natural subgrade. Thin courses of stone screenings and both single and double layers of tar paper have been used as coverings in certain sections.

2. Construction Joints and Dividing Planes. -Expansion and center joints are used in only one section. Construction joints are placed at noon and at night. Longitudinal dividing planes have been used in two sections, in one of which transverse dividing planes have also been used. These planes of weakness are formed by the installation of a patented type of separating strip about 21/2 inches deep. With

the exception of the section containing both longitudinal and transverse dividing planes, which is laid to a uniform thickness of 7 inches, the Virginia design of 8-6-8 pavement 18 feet wide was used in all sections.

3. Aggregate, Cement and Mix.-The same sand and crushed stone are used throughout the work. Two wellknown brands of cement have been used and the mix is either 1:21/2:31/2 or 1:2:4.

4. Admixtures .-

The three admixtures used are hydrated lime, 5 and 8 per cent; Celite, 3 per cent; and calcium chloride, 2 per cent; all incorporated.

5. Types of Construction.—The three types of construction employed are plain concrete, Vibrolithic concrete and reinforced concrete. Both single and double layers of welded steel fabric, bar mats and expanded metal are used in the latter.

6. Finishing and Curing.—Part of the road is being finished by hand methods. The remainder is to be machine finished, using both Ord and Lakewood finishing machines. With the exception of the section containing calcium chloride, all sections are to be cured alike by covering with wet earth for 14 days.

Experimental Work

The road on which the demonstration is being conducted is strictly a service highway constructed under state supervision with convict labor. It will not be subjected to accelerated traffic.

The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads is cooperating in the experimental work which includes studies of the subgrade, the concrete materials, and the effect of construction operations. The nature of the investigations is

briefly as follows:

1. Material Investigation. — This work, which is carried on at the Arlington Experiment Farm, includes tests of specimens in which either the sand, cement, or stone is varied and tests at various ages of beams made of the same mixes and containing the same admixtures as the road sections. Routine tests and special expansion and contraction observations are being made in the Washington Laboratories of the Bureau.

2. Test Cylinders.—Test cylinders made during construction are being cured alongside the road under conditions as nearly as possible identical with the road slab. The position of batches from which the cylinders are made is marked so that cores can be drilled later. This will allow a definite comparison to be made between the strength of cores and cylinders from

the same batch.

3. Surveys and Construction Observations.

—A complete subgrade survey was made prior to the beginning of construction, in the course of which observations of various conditions were taken and samples of soil were procured for testing in the laboratory. Subsequent in-

spections of soil conditions have been made after heavy rains.

Observers stationed on the work are keeping accurate records of all occurrences and practices which might influence the condition of the pavement. Atmospheric conditions, temterature and humidity, and the slump of the concrete are recorded hourly. The time of pouring each batch and the time it is finished and covered is accurately kept, and the position of the batch is carefully platted with the identifying station numbers indicated. This provides an efficiency record of the variations in the intervals between the three stages.

Condition surveys of the surface are made before the wet earth covering is placed and after it is removed, and all of the data mentioned are indicated on the final record sheets together with the grade and alignment of the road. Future surveys will be made to determine how the surface condition is influenced

by the various factors.

4. Observations of Surface Smoothness.—
After the earth covering is removed the relative smoothness of the various sections will be determined by the use of a 16-wheel profilometer. The effect of the surface conditions on truck wheel impact will be measured by means of accelerometers attached to trucks and the effect on the truck body will be measured by a recording roughometer.

Information with regard to the surface smoothness and relative first costs of the various sections will be available immediately. The influence of the various other factors on the condition of the surface can, naturally, be learned only after the road has been in service a sufficient length of time to develop defects.

Progress of National Safety Code for Construction Work

POR several years a sectional committee has been at work under the auspices of the American Engineering Standards Committee and under the official leadership of the National Safety Council on a national safety code for construction work. Successive drafts have been prepared and it was hoped that the code was nearing completion, when important differences of opinion developed within the sectional committee. As the result of an informal conference, the sectional committee has now agreed upon certain changes in objective and in the administrative arrangements, through which the committee hopes to complete its first report at an early date.

The sectional committee will be enlarged so as to make it more thoroughly representative of the industry as the latter is at present organized. For example, the number of representatives of the Associated General Contractors whose relation to this work is very important, will be increased

to four. In all, fourteen national organizations and the Industrial Commissioners of California, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and Wisconsin, will be officially represented. All of the cooperating bodies are being requested to review their representation and to make such changes as they may desire.

A principal consideration in making these modifications in the work was the large number of serious accidents which are occurring in the industry and the rapid increase in the number of accidents in some jurisdictions. In Pennsylvania, in the first three months of 1926, there were 25 per cent more construction accidents than in the corresponding period of 1925 in which the number was 18 per cent greater than in 1924; and casualty insurance rates have mounted very high, the rate in New York State for iron and steel erection being over \$27 per hundred dollars of payroli.

New 34-Acre Railway Shop Under Construction at St. Augustine, Florida

By HAMILTON M. WRIGHT

THE Florida East Coast Railway, which runs from Jacksonville to Key West, a distance of 522 miles, with numerous branch lines, and which has just completed a \$60,000,000 improvement program, is now rushing work on the new Miller railway shops at St. Augustine at a cost of \$4,000,000. Over 34 acres are being built up in the construction of these repair shops, which will have over 375,000 square feet of working floor area within the buildings.

In order to handle the equipment and material in and out of the plant and between the



STEEL CONSTRUCTION ON THE ROOP OF THE MILLER SHOPS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

various departments, nearly fifteen miles of track have been laid. To secure proper drainage for the buildings and yards, it has been necessary to place considerable fill. The most economical method for this work was that of using a suction dredge to pump sand from the San Sebastian River. The dredge placed approximately 1,600 yards of fill every 24 hours, and a total of 300,000 cubic yards were required before construction could start.

All of the buildings are of the latest design in fireproof construction. The structural work is of steel and the walls of hollow tile covered



INTERIOR OF ONE OF THE BAYS OF THE LOCO-MOTIVE AND REPAIR SHOPS IN THE MILLER SHOPS OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY AT ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

with 1/4-inch cement stucco applied by a cement gun. The roofs are of interlocking Barrett specification roofing. The sash, the major portion of which is movable and mechanically operated from the floor, is of metal construction. The roofs are of the saw-tooth type with the sash facing north, preventing



MAIN LOCOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOPS AS SEEN IN THE LATTER PART OF JULY, 1926

the direct rays of the sun from entering the building, and tending to keep the interior cool.

The Miller shops are being erected in three units. The buildings comprising the first unit will handle repairs to passenger equipment; the second, repairs on locomotives and car wheels; and the third, repairs on freight equipment.

The Foundation Company, 120 Liberty Street,

New York, is the general contractor for the work; the plans were prepared by Battey & Kipp, Engineers, Chicago, Ill.; and the project is being handled for the company by H. M. Brown, Special Assistant to H. N. Rodenbaugh, Vice-President and General Manager of the Railway, whose farsightedness has led to the present construction program.

Talk Winter Construction--- It Is Good Business to Do So

There Is No Longer Need of Any Lapse in Building Operations During the Winter

A LL facts considered, the records on winter construction confront us with the facts that labor productivity is greater on winter building and that labor costs are less per unit of construction, says the Committee on Seasonal Operations of the New York Building Congress. These, together with the other advantages to be secured in the purchase of materials and in earlier returns on investment, make winter construction a good business proposition. Investigations conducted under the auspices of the U. S. Department of Commerce confirm this conclusion.

The New York Building Congress has urged all who contemplate building work during this coming year to take advantage of the benefits of winter construction and to make plans to

this end now.

As previously reported, studies and investigations made by the New York Building Congress and other authorities show:

 The direct additional costs due to construction carried on in cold weather are but a small percentage of the total cost of a building.

Such direct winter costs are more than offset by savings in other ways.

These conditions extend down the scale at least to operations as low as \$100,000. The indirect savings which more than counterbalance winter costs may be enumerated as follows:

- 1. Labor bonuses are eliminated.
- 2. Labor turnover is reduced.

 Spread in overhead expense of contractors' equipment throughout the year reduces organization and equipment costs.

4. Tendency of contractors to lower their margin of profits with the idea in mind of securing sufficient work to keep their organization intact during the winter months.

5. Seasonal discounts on materials.

Seasonal rates by transportation companies in order to relieve the congested periods.

7. Saving of interest and taxes on investments lying idle.

8. Earlier returns on investment.

It is true, of course, that if other conditions remain the same, winter weather adds the costs of shelter, heating, removal of snow and ice, and the like, and extreme cold weather lessens the efficiency in certain types of manual operations. But in this connection it should be noted that official weather reports show that the number of days during which such unfavorable conditions exist are not as numerous as they are usually thought to be.

Asphalt Paving Conference

THE Fifth Annual Asphalt Paving Conference held under the auspices of the Asphalt Association, 441 Lexington Avenue, New York, is to be held at the Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C., November 8-12, in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Society for Municipal Improvements.

Handbook of Domestic Oil Burning

THE American Oil Burner Association, 350
Madison Avenue, New York, has published
a Handbook of Domestic Oil Burning for the
instruction of those interested in this subject. Domestic oil burning is comparatively new. Knowl-

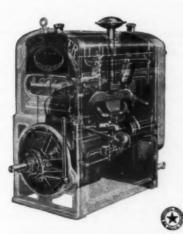
edge of it is widely distributed and at times closely guarded, but the need of and demand for authentic data has become so insistent that the American Oil Burner Association has prepared this extremely useful book. The price is \$2.75, postpaid.

New Metallurgical Engineer for Racine Radiator Company

THE Racine Radiator Company, Racine, Wis., has announced the appointment of Ivan Racheff as metallurgical engineer for the company in connection with chemical and metallurgical research with respect to power unit industrial truck and heavy-duty type radiator manufacturing.



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Legal Points for Contractors

These brief abstracts of court decisions in the contracting fields may aid you in avoiding legal difficulties. Local ordinances or state laws may alter the condiditions in your community. If in doubt, consult your own lawyer

Edited by A. L. H. Street, Attorney-at-Law

One Who Deals with a Public Official Is Presumed to Know the Limitations on His Authority

In the case of Pue vs. Lewis and Clark County, 243 Pacific Reporter, 573, the Montana Supreme Court decided that plaintiff could not recover from defendant county for work done at the instance of the county health officer, although the work promoted sanitation. The power to contract in such matters was vested by statute in the county board of health, and under a well-established rute of law the plaintiff was bound to know that the county health officer had no right to make the contract.

Contractors as Expert Witnesses on Proper Construction Methods

As a general rule, a witness called in the trial of a lawsuit may only testify to facts. But because some matters are so technical that it is difficult for jurors to reach an independent conclusion, the law provides for the admission in evidence of expert opinions in proper cases. Often builders and contractors are called upon to give expert opinions as to whether or not certain methods of construction are proper. But, as noted in a recent decision of the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Krieg vs. Timken, 131 Atlantic Reporter, 905, it is not proper to permit an expert to express an opinion on the very question which it is for the jury to decide.

In the cited case suit was brought to recover damages for injuries sustained in falling down an areaway, and judgment in plaintiff's favor was reversed on appeal because the trial judge permitted a building contractor to testify that it was not proper construction to build a fence and gateway to protect an area and have the gate open inward instead of outward, and that such construction was dangerous to the public. The Court held that the contractor should not have been permitted to give this testimony, because it was for the jury to say, on all the evidence, whether the fact that the gate opened inward constituted a menace to the safety of people traveling along the street.

When Invoice Fixes Price

Where materials are shipped to a prospective buyer without previous agreement as to the price or freight allowances, the buyer's retention of the materials after receiving an invoice fixing the price or freight allowance becomes binding, according to the decision handed down by the Arkansas Supreme Court in the case of Royal Roofing Company vs. Goss, 280 South Western Reporter, I.

Illegal Act of City Engineer Did Not Vitiate Sewer Construction Contract

Where a city sewer contract is free from fraud and collusion and the contractors complete their work, and it afterwards appears that the city engineer, while making the estimate, took into consideration a probable discount of the sewer warrants, and thereby caused the estimate to be increased, but the increase was not shown upon the face of the estimate, and the contractors did not know that the city engineer had so increased the estimate, the city engineer's act is not sufficient to void the contract between the city and the contractors. (Oklahoma Supreme Court; City of Bartlesville vs. Riggs, 245 Pacific Reporter, 603.)

General Contractor's Liability for Subcontractor's Negligence

Defendant had a general contract to construct a school building. He sublet the excavation work to one Casey. Presumably it was one of Casey's employees who left some dynamite caps on the site. Plaintiff, a boy, was injured while playing with one of the caps on its exploding. After determining that Casey was an independent contractor, and not an employee of the defendant general contractor, the Oklahoma Supreme Court decided that defendant was not liable. The Court said (Webster vs. Tankersley, 243 Pacific Reporter, 745):

"The injury here complained of was not caused by, or the result of, anything that was necessary to do, or naturally flowed from the work of excavation; it was the direct result of the negligence of some employee of the independent contractor in leaving the dynamite caps unguarded, . . careless or negligent leaving of the dynamite caps about the premises had nothing to do with the proper discharge of the duties involved, and the labor to be performed in the excavation. If the facts in this case should have disclosed that at the time the contract was entered into by Tankersley and Casey for this excavation work, it had been known, and within the contemplation of the parties that blasting would be necessary, and that dynamite or some other explosive would be necessarily and naturally used, and if the injury had been the result of an explosion caused in blasting, in carrying out the work of excavation, then . . . the defendant, Tankersley, . . . then . . . the defendant, Tankersley, . . . having knowledge of the character of the work that he was contracting or delegating to his subcontractor, would not be excused or permitted to avoid any liability as to the injuries received by reason of an explosion which he knew would necessarily take place."

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Fluctuating Material Costs as a Factor in Damages Recoverable by Delayed Contractor

A contractor delayed in performing his work cannot hold the owner liable in damages based on an increase in the value of materials obtained to perform the contract, according to the view taken by the United States Supreme Court in the case of United States vs. Wyckoff Pipe & Creosoting Company, 46 Supreme Court Reporter,

503. On this point the Court said:

"The contractor urges also that, because of the delay, it might have used the supplies purchased on another job, receiving on that their then market value, or might have sold them and taken the incidental profit due to the rise in values; and that, if it had done either and had been obliged later to purchase new supplies at the higher market values in order to perform the government job, the increased cost would have been recoverable as a loss; and that, as the amount of this increase has been found, the recovery should be sustained at least to that ex-The contractor's contentions, however, ignore the rule that damages for delay are limited to the actual losses incurred. The contractor elected to hold itself in readiness to perform its contract and to this end to retain both the lumber and the creosote oil. The carrying charges thus incurred are an allowable item of damage; but these were not shown. It may even be that in the event of a use or resale of the supplies, if under the circumstances such a course of action was open to the contractor, the profits made would have been available in reduction of damages. . . But clearly it cannot now damages. . . . But clearly it cannot now charge as a loss profits which it might have made if it had sold the supplies in the market or used them on another job.

Contractor's Right to Recover on Abandoning Contract

Concerning the right of a county highway contractor to quit under a grading contract and re-cover for work and material furnished, the Oregon Supreme Court said in the case of Feldschau vs. Clatsop County, 244 Pacific Reporter,

"It is thus observed that the roadmaster had the power and discretion to designate where plaintiff was to commence work and the order in which it was to be prosecuted. The discretion thus vested, however, must be exercised in a fair, honest, and reasonable manner. In every contract there is an implied undertaking on the part of each party that he will not intentionally and purposely do anything to prevent the other party from carrying out the agreement on his part. .

"Broad as the roadmaster's powers are under this contract, his decisions are binding on the contractor only when free from bad faith and not the result of gross or palpable mistake.

"If the manner in which this work was di-rected and supervised was so unreasonable and arbitrary as to imply bad faith, and, as a result thereof, the plaintiff was prevented from performing his contract and was obliged to abandon it, he would be entitled to recover the reasonable value of his work performed and materials furnished."

Injuries to Employees While

Lent by Employer

Where an employer lends the service of an employee to another, who assumes temporary control over the employee, and an injury to the latter occurs, a claim for workmen's compensa-tion may be enforced by the employee against the temporary employer, holds the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in the case of Lecker vs. Valentine, 133 Atlantic Reporter, 792. Citing an ear-lier decision handed down by it, the Court notes that the test of the temporary employer's liability in such cases is whether the employee remains subject to the direction and control of his regular employer while performing the temporary service, or becomes, for the time-being, subject to the control of the temporary employer.

The Court found it unnecessary to decide whether or not the employee in such a case can forego claim against the temporary employer and hold the permanent employer liable for an award.

Grading Contractor Exonerated from Liability for Death of Traveler on Uncompleted Road

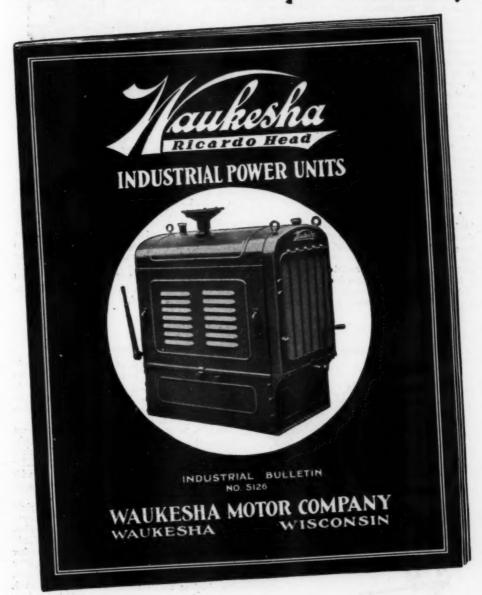
A wagon and team was being driven in the night-time along a Minnesota state highway under construction. Stumbling of one of the horses caused a fall over an embankment, which was fatal to one of the occupants of the wagon. embankment was being used for travel, but the grading contractor had nothing to do with surfacing the road nor placing guard-rails. Dismissing a suit for damages brought against that contractor, the Minnesota Supreme Court said (Rengstorf vs. Winston Brothers Company, 208

Northwestern Reporter, 995):
"Certainly there was nothing to impose upon defendant the duty to light the whole embankment. There was then no duty to light any part of it. Neither was there any duty to place guardrails along both sides and for its entire length. There was then no duty to rail it at any one point on either side. It was 40 feet wide and straight, and no one point was more dangerous than another, except as its height varied. To hold otherwise, we would have to say that a jury might properly place upon a grading contractor, where the controlling authority of the state had subjected his completed work to public use, after its satisfactory completion, but before its formal acceptance, responsibility for failure to illuminate and equip it with guard-rails. The result is impossible. The state itself, now the supreme authority as to trunk highways, does not light them. And in this case it withheld from defendant in an event, defendant never assumed the dirty of altering guard-rails. That, we assume, was to be done later and by another contractor. contractor.

"Defendant's contract provided that until formal acceptance the road should be 'under the charge and care of the contractor, and he shall take every reasonable precaution against injury or damage to the work or any part thereof by the action of the elements or from any other cause whatsoever. The purpose is obvious—it is only to make the contractor responsible to the extent indicated for the condition of his work until its formal acceptance. In the performance of that obligation no stranger to the contract is

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Motor Grader With New Features

Independently Adjustable Scarifier, Increased Pressure on Blade Helpful to Operation

A MOTOR patrol grader for one-man operation, using the 10-20 McCormick Deering tractor and equipped with cab, has been developed by the Russell Grader Manufacturing Company, Minneapolis, Minn. This Russell Motor Patrol No. 3 has dual rubber-tired rear wheels, an independently adjustable scarifier completely controlled from the operator's platform, and a 52inch circle which gives a wide rigid support to the blade, with a snug-fitting, sure, durable lock.

Some of the refinements found in this unit are machine-cut gears which are completely enclosed, bronze bushings and bronze collars for the worm shaft, a take-up bearing in the forward lifting arm bracket, extra large ball and socket connections in the lifting links, machined worm-gear steering control, giving an easy, steady control especially adapted to road work, Alemite lubricating throughout, Timken bearings on the front wheels, a positive lateral shift of the blade, adjustable from the operator's platform, and a side cranking device.

A pressure of 4,200 pounds is brought on the blade because the machine is built with a proper distribution of weight and with the proper balance so that no additional loading is necessary to get this increased pressure. The blade is reversible and may be tilted forward or backward from a leveling to a cutting position. Both the blade and the cutting edge are made with a special high-carbon steel highly polished, and will scour satis-



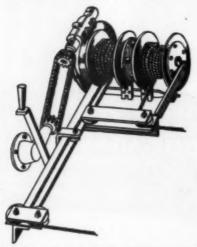
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The power-plant is the well-known 10-20 Mc-Cormick-Deering tractor with forward speeds of 2, 4 and 10 miles per hour and reverse speeds of 3 and 8 miles per hour. The low speed may be used for heavy grading or scarifying work when an unusual amount of power is required. The intermediate 4-mile speed is best for maintenance work. On high, the motor patrol may be transported at the rate of 10 to 15 miles per hour. The reverse speed is frequently used by experienced operators. In filling washouts, holes, or ruts, or repairing short stretches of bar road, the motor patrol may be worked forward and backward until the job is completed, with no need of turning the machine around.

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The Twin Backfiller is mounted on the right side of the Fordson. Power is transmitted by a power take-off and worm and wheel reduction. Two spools are mounted with a double clutch, allowing one cable to be pulled in while the other is being paid out; both can be pulled in together if desired. Traveling parallel with the trench, the Fordson moves under its own power as it goes, and operates two scrapers, which are handled by one man each. A clutch controlled by a hand lever throws one spool into gear and pulls

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its load toward the tractor, while the other cable is released to get into position. Thus one scraper is always working and no time is lost in returning.

This backfiller can be attached to a standard Fordson in three hours hours without special tools, as all nuts and bolts fit the standard Fordson wrenches. The whole unit is small and compact, being entirely out of the way when not in use. It can be worked from the sidewalk or from the street, thus allowing the dirt to be piled on either side of the trench.

This backfiller will pull any weight that men can handle at the scrapers, and handles either single or double scrapers, thus needing only three men for the operation of two scrapers, including the tractor driver. Dirt can be scraped off lawns and walks, so that it is not necessary to follow up with hand shovels. Either scraper can be worked separately or both together.



WATERMAN BACKFILLEE ON FORDSON OPERATING FROM THE SIDEWALK

An Improved Type of Portable Conveyor

Changes Make Single Machine More Suitable for Road Work, Building-Material Yards, and Industrial Plants

A N improved portable conveyor has recently been put on the market by the Jeffrey Manufacturing Company, Columbus, Ohio, for handling sand, gravel, crushed stone, brick, tile, boxes, coal, coke and similar material. The improvements are designed with the idea of providing a machine more suitable for road construction service, building-material yards and indus-

trial plants where it is desired to handle material from hopper-bottom railroad cars to storage piles or trucks and for reclaiming from storage piles.

The new features consist of steel sideboards which are bent to extend under the side of the belt, forming with the belt a moving trough which gives larger capacity and prevents lumps from rolling off. It has an improved type of carrying

idler to support the loaded portion of the belt as well as an extended and flared loading leg at the bottom, edged with belting material to form a seal with the moving belt. The flared hopper also centers the load on the conveyor. A gate at the foot of the conveyor prevents material from falling into the enclosed boot housing and possibly stalling the conveyor.

This conveyor is built in 18-, 24-, and 30-foot lengths and is furnished with electric motor or gasoline drive. An easily operated screw adjusts the elevator to any convenient height, and different holes in the pipe struts allow the wheels to be adjusted forward or backward to balance the load. The foot of conveyor is so low that it will readily enter a pile of loose material thus facilitating delivery.

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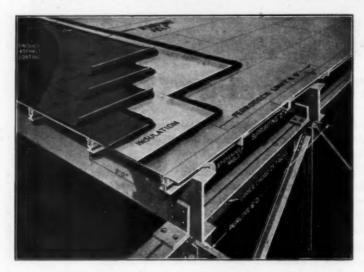
Strength, Heat Insulation, and Durability Are Features of New Types of Factory Roof

A ROOF which is formed and fabricated from copper-bearing sheet steel to give maximum strength, minimum deflection, and minimum weight for carrying capacities required for live loads has been developed in the Ferrodeck roof by the Truscon Steel Company, Youngstown, Ohio.

The Ferrodeck type of Truscon roof is an assembly of sub-purlins and reinforced roof sheets. The sub-purlins are made of 18-gage channel sections spot-welded back to back. A bend in the web of the channel section causes an opening to

purlins so that the flanged-over edges of adjacent sheets fit side by side into the openings along the tops of the sub-purlins. The fabricated sheets are locked in place on the sub-purlins by bending the ends of reinforcing members under the top flanges of the sub-purlins, making a smooth deck. On the Ferrodeck is placed the insulation covered with 32-inch roofing felt, with 15 inches exposed and the whole then covered with a suitable asphalt coating.

Among the advantages claimed for this type of roof are that it is light in weight-not over 5



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be formed between the backs of the channels at the top when they are spot-welded together.

The Ferrodeck roof sheets are fabricated with two edges flanged over about 1 inch at 90 degrees. Substantial reinforcing members at intervals of not over 2 feet are provided to strengthen and stiffen them. These fabricated roof sheets are either 18 or 20 gage.

To erect the Ferrodeck, the sub-purlins at 2foot spacings are securely fastened to the supporting roof framing by means of spring clips. The fabricated roof sheets are placed over the subpounds per square foot, including insulation and waterproofing. It is incombustible, as it is fabricated complete from steel plates. Extension and contraction difficulties are eliminated, as the steel in the deck expands and contracts with the steel supporting members. Also, the method of fabricating provides uniform distribution of any differences in expansion or contraction. Any degree of insulation may be obtained. The method of construction saves time in completion of buildings. especially in wet seasons and during the winter.

Pavement Thickness Subject of Rule

THE bulletin of the Kansas-Missouri Contractors Association, affiliated with the A. G. C., carries the following item on thickness of pavement and its relation to payments under the new Missouri specifications:

"Add an extra inch depth on concrete road paving, as was done in Johnson County, and bids will be less than for the thinner pavement. Pay for concrete roads on the basis of actual thickness, tested by core-drills after completion of the work, as done by the Missouri Highway Department this spring, and bids will be as low or lower than formerly. Under the new Missouri specifications, no payment will be made for ad-



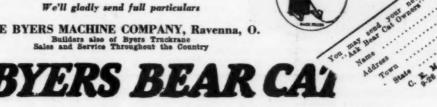
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ditional thickness and no payment will be made for decreased thickness I inch or more. When the thickness of the pavement is less than that shown on the plans, the unit price used in payment for it shall bear the same ratio to the contract unit price as the square of the average thickness of the pavement, as actually built, bears to the square of the thickness of the pavement specified on the plans.

"In other words, if the plans call for 6-inch pavement and the core-drill showed that a section averaged only 5½ inches in thickness, the contractor would only be paid for about five-sixths of his unit price bid, for his 5½-inch pavement."

Hingeless Bottom-Dump Buckets Operated Like Clamshells

Self-Adjusting Doors Leave No Opening to Let Grout Run Out

CERTAIN advantages in the placing of concrete or grout from buckets are claimed for Unionloc automatic buckets, made under the Lockwood patent by the Union Iron Works, Inc., Hoboken, N. J. These buckets, as shown in the illustration, are hingeless and have self-adjusting doors, which close so tightly that grout will not run out. The Unionloc bucket is operated with two lines, the same as a clamshell or orange-peel bucket. The doors swing with a sliding movement, thus loosening any concrete that tends to cling. When closing, the doors are cleaned on the edge of the bucket, minimizing the chances of dry concrete adhering to the doors and hardening.



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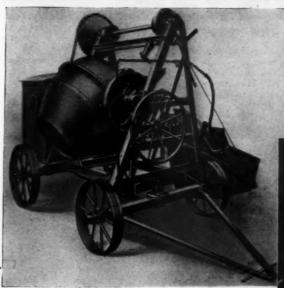


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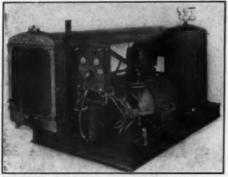
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A COMBINATION air-compressor and arc welder driven by a gas engine and mounted on a single base has been placed on the market by Schramm, Inc., West Chester, Pa. The outfit consists of a Buda gasoline engine, a Schramm compressor, and a General Electric welding outfit. The complete equipment may be mounted on a standard 2-ton truck, or can be made portable by adding either steel or rubber-



COMBINED PORTABLE ARC WELDER AND AIR-COMPRESSOR OPERATED BY GASOLINE ENGINE

tired wheels.

The Buda engine is a 24-horsepower, 800-r.p.m. unit which may be started and operated independently of either the compressor or welding generator. The Schramm compressor is a two-cylinder, water-cooled machine with a capacity of 120 cubic feet per minute, and is equipped with an automatic unloading device. The air receiver is 60 inches in diameter by 42 inches high. The General Electric welding equipment consists of a belt-driven WD-12 arc welder with an idler pulley for belt tightening.

This combination outfit will undoubtedly be of great value to field work, as the air-compressor can be used to operate drills, grinders, and chipping hammers for cutting, peening, calking, and cleaning off scale. The compressor can also be used in preparing work for welding. With the G. E. WD-12 welder, light- and heavy-gage steel can be welded as well as cast iron. After the welding is completed, the compressor clutch is thrown and the weld can be ground or chipped as desired; thus a complete job can be done with the single machine.

The structural steel base is 8 feet 4 inches long and 5 feet 11 inches wide. The outfit is 3 feet 10 inches high and weighs 4,000 pounds.



A TYPE-V, HALF-YARD ORTON FULL-CRAWLER GAS-OPERATED SHOVEL, WIDENING THE NORTH AND BOUTH HIGHWAY THROUGH CLEAR WATER RIVER CANYON IN NORTHERN IDAHO

This shovel is owned by the Idaho State Highway Department and is one of five operated by the Department. We are indebted to Boy E. Melson, Vice-President Howard-Gooper Corporation, Portland, Oregon, for this photograph and information. The Howard-Cooper Corporation are exclusive distributors for the Orton Crane & Shovel Company in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, and sold twenty Orton gas shovels in the first seven months of 1926

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AMACHINE designed to fill the ever increasing demand for a piece of equipment that will maintain dirt and gravel roads and streets, leaving them smooth and properly crowned for drainage, doing the work fast and economically without interfering with traffic, has been announced by the Avery Power Machinery Co., Peoria, Ill. This one-unit maintainer has both the power-plant and the blade on one machine under one man's control.

The maintainer has a 7-foot wheelbase which, combined with automobile-type steering and brakes located on the differential shaft, enables the machine to turn in a 20-foot circle. This is an advantage in working bad pieces of road where several rounds must be made to put them in proper shape. The regular blade is 12 feet 6 inches, but blades 16 feet 2 inches long may be secured as

special equipment, making it possible to cover a wide strip of roadway at a time. The blades are raised or lowered instantly by motor power, by simply tripping a conveniently located lever. The machine weighs only 5,000 pounds and has three road speeds-134, 21/2, and 41/2 miles per hour. The motor is a heavy-duty, 4-cylinder Waukesha unit with force feed oiling system and large crankshaft and bearings. All gears are enclosed and run in oil, both front and rear wheels are mounted on Timken taper roller bearings, and the machine is roller and ball bearing equipped throughout. Provision is made for the comfort and convenience of the operator. A springmounted platform with cushion seat and back rest is provided, and curved fenders over the drive wheels keep dust and dirt from blowing on the operator. All control levers are in easy reach.

One-Man Graders With Dump Bodies

Saving in Equipment and Increase in Efficiency Noted

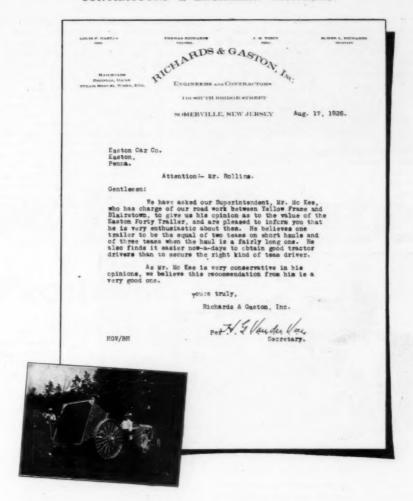
THE Highway Department of the State of Maine has made an addition to the equipment of Hadfield-Penfield one-man graders used by its Maintenance Department. A dump body of sufficient capacity to carry stone for patching

or repair purposes has been mounted over the tractor at the rear of the grader. In this way the road may not only be scraped and graded by the outfit, but any small amount of extra stone that may be needed can be supplied without additional





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The use of the dump body saves the cost of operating a truck or horse-drawn wagon, which might be necessary to carry even a small amount of material, and still further carries out the idea of one-man maintenance which has been the feature of this type of grader, made by the Hadfield-Penfield Steel Company, Bucyrus, Ohio.

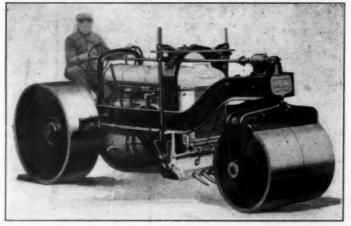
Three Weights of Road Roller in One

One Machine Readily Made Available for Different Uses

By the ingenious arrangement of bolting heavy discs to wheels, the Wehr Company, Milwaukee, Wis., has produced a Fordson road roller which can be made a 3-, 4-, or 5-ton machine, as desired. Discs bolted to the rear wheels make it a 4-ton roller; to the front and rear wheels, a 5-ton machine. In addition to this variation in weight, the manufacturers have located the scarifier ahead of the center of gravity. Thus the

shaft is used in the front axle. The front wheels are mounted on four bronze bearings. The kingpin is a 2½-inch diameter steel shaft, and the cast steel pilot is mounted in heavy bronze bearings.

The steering worm is of steel with machine-cut teeth. The Wehr Fordson roller is 12 feet 4 inches long and 5 feet wide. The total height without a top is 5 feet 7 inches. It has a 9-foot wheelbase. The rear rolls are 42 inches in diameter and the



NEW WEHR-FORDSON ADJUSTABLE WEIGHT ROAD ROLLER

pressure required to force the teeth into the ground and to keep them there does not lessen the traction by lifting up on the drive wheels. By pushing the lever at the right side of the tractor, the scarifier drops to working position. A hand wheel located at the operator's left gages the depth of the teeth.

The frame of the Wehr-Fordson road roller is 8-inch channel steel, and a 3-inch diameter steel front rolls 30 inches. The compression on the rear rolls per lineal inch on the 3-ton is 110 pounds, on the 4-ton 15434 pounds, and on the 5-ton 200 pounds. On the front rolls the 3- and 4-ton are 95½ pounds, and the 5-ton, 115 pounds. There are seven teeth in the scarifier, 4½ inches between teeth, with a 7-inch ground clearance, when raised, and a 6-inch vertical adjustment of the teeth to take up wear.

Beckwith Resigns as Byers General Manager

THE Byers Machine Company, Ravenna, Ohio, has announced the resignation of H. N. Beckwith, who, for eleven years, has been General Manager of that company. He will relinquish his executive duties in December to make his future home in California. Mr. Beckwith will retain an official connection with the company as

Vice-President and will continue to serve in an advisory capacity.

Arnold to Represent Compressor Company in Pittsburgh

THE Pennsylvania Pump & Compressor Company, Easton, Pa., has announced the appointment of Samuel Arnold, 3rd, Fulton Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., as its representative in the Pittsburgh district.

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TO FIVE-CURIC-YARD ROTTOM-DUMP

Watson bottom-dump wagons, from 1 to 5-cubic-yard capacity, which have been the standard for contractors use for over 37 years, and which are ready for immediate delivery, are described in the literature of the

mediate delivery, are described in the interature of the Rex-Watson Corp., Canastota, N. Y. WELL-BUILT BOTTOM-DUMP WAGONS Hagy Dump Wagon No. 350, which stays on the job and not in the shop and which has many special fea-tures of tested value, is described completely in an illustrated circular that may be secured from the James A. Hagy Wagon Co. Abingdon. Va. A. Hagy Wagon Co., Abingdon, Va. A SCRAPER WORKED FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT

A SCRAFER WORLED FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT All that is necessary with the Schaefer scraper is to attach it to the tractor with a coupling pin and then control all the work of loading, moving, dumping, or spreading the earth from the driver's seat. Full details will be found in the literature of the Gustav Schaefer Wagon Co., 4180 Lorasin Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, A SPEEDY TRACK SHIFTER

A SPEEDY TRACK SHIFTER
Contractors using industrial track on embankments or full-gage tracks in construction work will be interested in the Nordberg patented track shifter, which is completely described in illustrated folders that may be secured from the Nordberg Mfg. Co., Milwankee, Wi., A BOOK EVERY GAS ENGINE USER SHOULD HAVE "Dynamic Thermostat" is the title of a book issued by the Industrial Equipment Div., Waukesha Motor Co., Waukesha, Wis., that tells easily understood facts regarding Waukesha Ricardo head motors, which are standard equipment on many pavers, portable air compressors, power shovels, and pumping outfits.

ROAD GRADERS THAT ACCOMPLISH RESULTS
The Austin-Western Road Machinery Co., 400 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., will be pleased to send its catalogs describing Aurora specials and Austin Mammoth

Michigan Ave., Chicago, III., will be pleased to send its catalogs describing Aurora specials and Austin Mammoth Junior graders, which are now being used as standard by one of the southeastern states engaged in extensive

road construction.
HEAVY-DUTY TRAILERS FOR MOVING CONSTRUC-TION EQUIPMENT

TION EQUIPMENT
Rogers Bros., Albion, Pa., has issued a well-illustrated folder showing the use of Rogers heavy-duty trailers built in four-, six-, and eight-wheel types for moving every kind of construction machinery, from a concrete mixer to a 45-ton locomotive.

A STEEL HOISTING TOWER

Bulletin 25-M published by the Lakewood Engineering Co., Cleveland, Ohio, describes the new Lakewood tower of ateel construction for the hoisting of all miscellaneous material and building work. It has many features of interest to contractors and competes with tures

lancous material and building words and competes with wood in cost.

A DUMP-TRUGK WITHOUT GRIEF

The Anthony dump-truck for the delivery of materials from the stock pile or bins to the mixer skip all day day in and day out without grief, is described completely in literature which may be secured from the Anthony Co., Inc., Streator, Ill.

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The distinct advantages of the Schramm combined air-compressor and hoist, which can be operated by one man and one engine, instead of two operators and two engines, are told in the literature of Schramm, Inc., West Chester, Pa.

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PORTABLE AND STATIONARY POWER UNITS
Bulletin E issued by the Climax Engineering Co., Clinton, lows, describes Climax gasoline power units in portable and stationary types. Bulletin F describes clerric generators direct-connected to Climax engines for both AC and DC units from 20 to 75 kw. Bulletin G describes the Climax direct-driven centrifugal pump units.

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National concrete block machines, which give genuine service and are economical in operation, are described in the catalog of the Cement Block Machinery Co., 50 Columbia St. Newark. N. J.

HAMMERS FOR HEAVY PILE DRIVING

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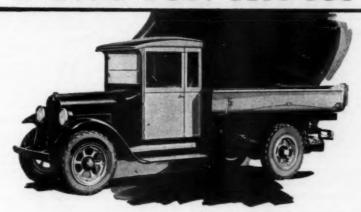
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The Waterman Corp., 682-690 East Fort St., Detroit, Mich., has issued an interesting illustrated booklet, "Lower Filling Costs," which not only describes the Twin Backfiller, a backfilling attachment for the Fordson, but gives some data which will be of particular laterest to any contractors handling pipe laying.
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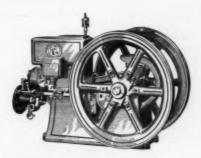
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Hydraulic Tables—Data 50, issued by the Aldrich
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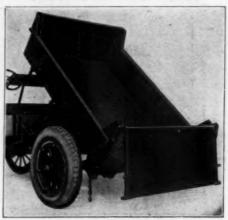
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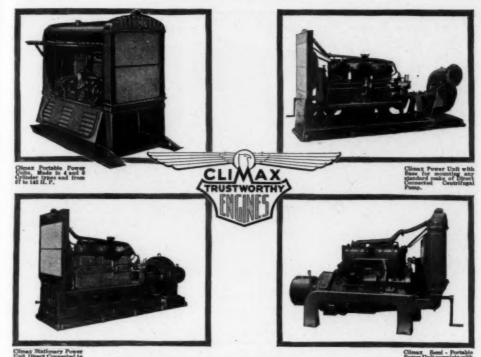
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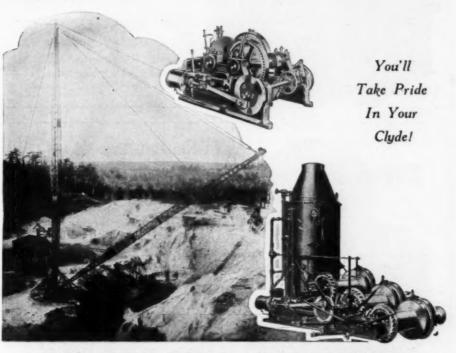
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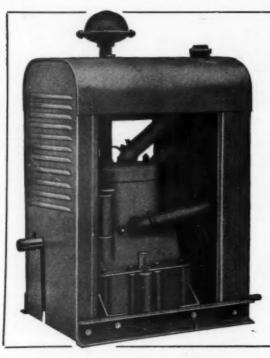
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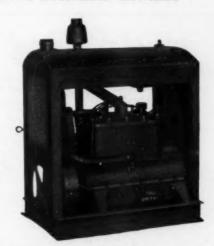
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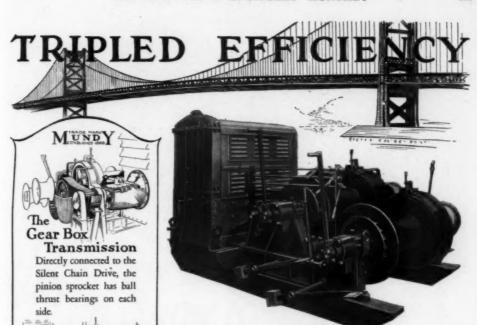
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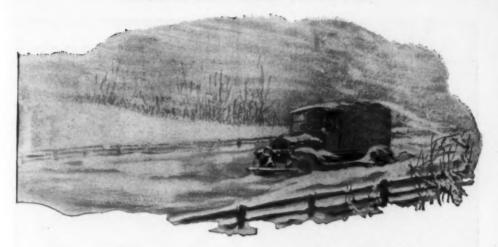
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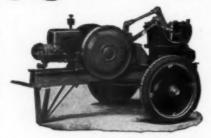


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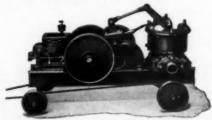
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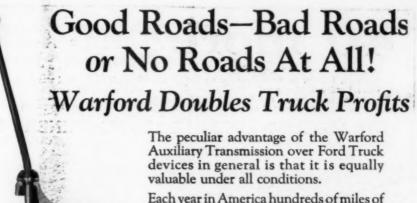
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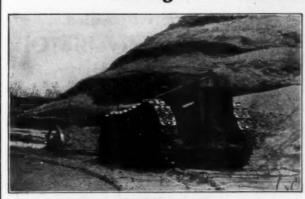
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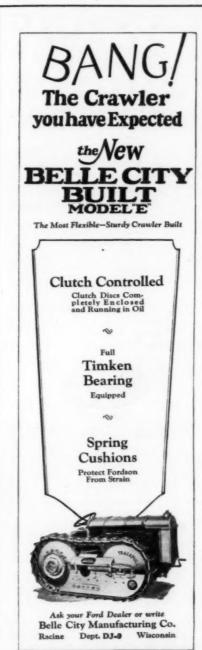
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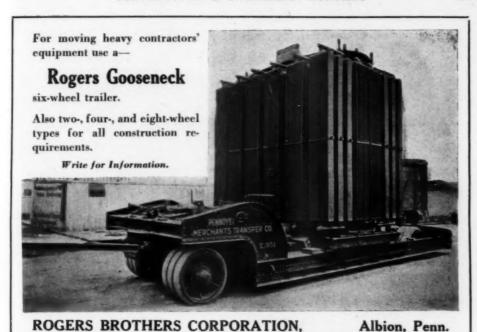
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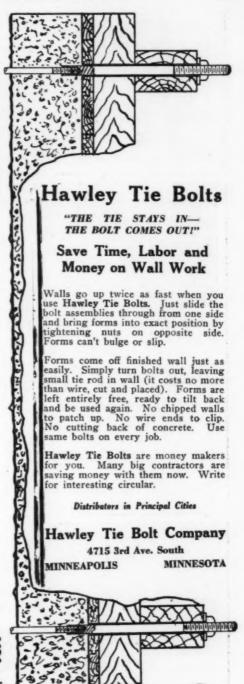
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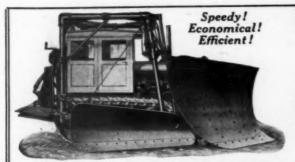
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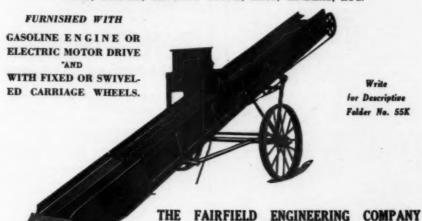
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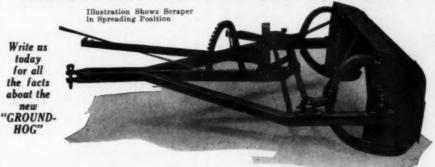
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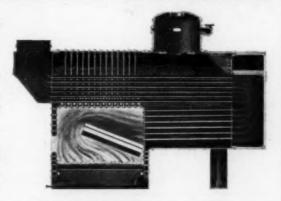


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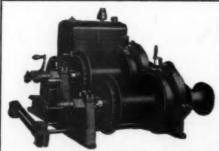
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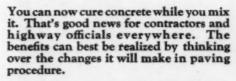
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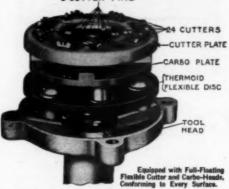
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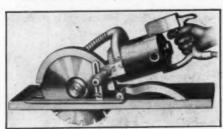
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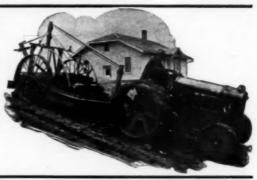
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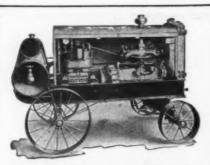
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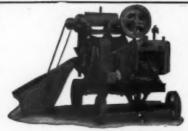
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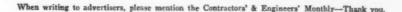


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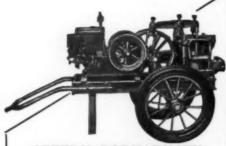
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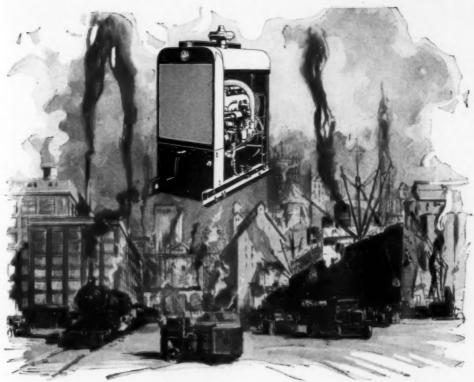


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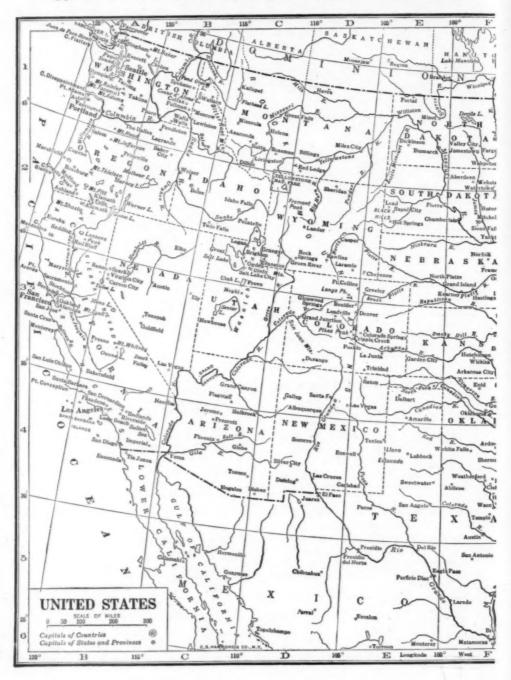
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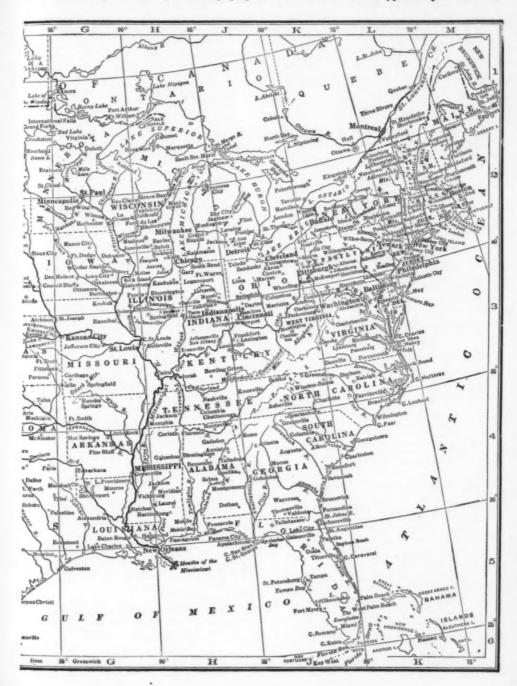
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